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## MARITIME UNIONS DEMAND "QUIT STALLING!"

### Spanish Miners Beat Fascists

#### U. S. S. R. PUTS "NEUTRALITY" MEET ON SPOT

#### Soviet Note Demands Action Against Aid To Spain Fascists

MADRID—Fighting heroically against Fascist troops armed with every weapon of modern war, workers' militia were withstanding the Franco drive on the Spanish capital and by counter-attacking at strategic points were threatening to crush the drive. Victories were reported on the Huesca front in Catalonia, and the Asturian miners were preparing to wipe out all Fascist resistance at Oviedo in the north.

LONDON.—Right on the spot of international indignation was Lord Plymouth of England, chairman of the Spanish non-intervention committee, last Wednesday when he refused to call a meeting of the committee to take action on the Soviet Union's charges of neutrality violations by three Fascist nations in the Spanish civil war.

"I do not think it would be proper for me to summon a further meeting immediately," Lord Plymouth told Soviet representatives in disregard of the fact that the Spanish Fascists are daily receiving more munitions and warplanes from Germany, Italy and Portugal.

"All specific complaints brought against Portugal were (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 4)

#### Spanish People Win Victories

MADRID.—While government troops swung forward in a counter-attack against Fascist lines weakened by being spread too thin, the People's Front government of Spain reported important victories in the fight to defend democracy against Fascism.

Miners from the Asturias were setting an example for all the workers' militia by making fresh advances in Oviedo, cornering Fascists in a cathedral and barracks. The miners also smashed a Fascist relief column seeking to relieve Oviedo, killing or wounding 1000 Fascists.

Government submarines reported sighting two Fascist troop ships near Tangier, off the Atlantic Coast of Spanish Morocco.

In the Toledo sector, government troops hammered the Franco troops back five miles around Moejon and on the outskirts of Bargas, five miles north of Toledo on the highway to Madrid.

In this sector, loyalist troops are penetrating through thin Fascist lines and are developing a pincer tactic to surround strategic rebel forces.

Thanks to donations of food, clothing and medical supplies from the people of the U.S.S.R., the Spanish people were relieved on the economic front, and cheered the Soviet Union for its aid.

### IMPERIAL VALLEY BROADCAST

#### C.P. Nominee To Speak Despite Vigilantes

SAN DIEGO.—Imperial Valley workers, who have staged some of the most militant strike struggles in labor history, against vigilante terror, will have an opportunity to hear the Communist election program of 1936 from the 20th Congressional District candidate on the Communist ticket, E. L. Richardson.

Richardson will broadcast over KKO, Imperial Valley station, on October 23rd, despite vigilantes.

#### OPPONENTS OF FASCISM



AT LEAGUE OF NATIONS assembly in Geneva, Alvarez Del Vayo of Spain (left) and Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Union foreign minister, confer on the continued intervention of Fascist German, Italian and Portuguese governments on side of Spanish Fascists, who seek to overthrow democracy in Spain.

#### THE MARITIME STRIKE VOTE.

THE MARITIME UNIONS struck back at the continued stalling of the shipowners and the Maritime Commission, when the Joint Negotiations Committee unanimously decided to take a strike referendum on those basic demands which involve union principles and the very existence of the unions, such as the union hiring-hall, the six-hour day for longshoremen, cash overtime for seamen.

This does NOT mean that the unions have given up their justified demands for wage increases. If agreement can be reached on the above-mentioned basic issues, then the unions have a guarantee that a satisfactory settlement can be reached on wage-increases and other demands.

The unions are demanding guarantees from the Maritime Commission that these established conditions will not be taken from them; involving as they do the very existence of the unions, they CANNOT BE ARBITRATED.

Once that is established and guaranteed, a peaceful settlement can be reached on all disputed questions, in the opinion of the unions, if the employers desire peace instead of war. The unions have offered and are willing to offer all possible concessions to have peace.

But faced with the continued stalling of the shipowners, who still want arbitration, and the Maritime Commission's demand for an unconditional extension of the truce without any guarantees, the unions for self-protection are now taking a strike referendum in order to be prepared to take whatever action they deem necessary to maintain the union hiring-hall and other conditions gained through the 1934 award.

Should the unions postpone the strike vote until they find out the intentions and authority of the Maritime Commission? The answer is NO, because the problem before the unions is to reach an agreement on two basic issues before Oct. 26th. Conducting the strike vote will not interfere with reaching an agreement on these questions, if the shipowners and the Maritime Commission sincerely desire to do so. On the other hand, if the shipowners maintain their uncompromising attitude, then the unions will not be left in a defenseless position, if they have taken an overwhelmingly favorable strike vote and maintain their united front.

#### Bridges Addresses Executive Council Big King Meeting Seeks CIO Parley

SAN FRANCISCO.—Three days before the trial of Earl King, Frank Connors and E. J. Ramsay has been chosen as the time for a huge mass meeting, under the auspices of the King-Connors-Ramsay Defense.

The Point Lobos murder frameup trial is set for October 26. On Friday, October 23, a mass meeting will be held in Civic Auditorium Theater in Oakland.

Harry Bridges, President of the Pacific Coast District I.L.A., will be the main speaker. He will talk on the maritime situation, and the relationship of the Point Lobos frameup to it.

J. E. Ferguson, secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Union, will give a history of the case.

When the C.P. requested a broadcast period, the station manager said: "Come and get it, if you feel lucky, but I will tell you plainly that we at KKO cannot guarantee you any protection from bodily harm if someone should take exception to your client using our station. I may be busy looking out for my own hide."

"This is no idle jest as you ought to know by now."

#### FAKE BOMBINGS FORM BOSSES' PLOT, SALINAS

#### Practically None Of The Strikers Have Deserted Ranks

SALINAS.—Tear and nauseating gas bombs were again used against lettuce strikers by police on Thursday. A picket line of 500 massed before the Union Ice Co. sheds was attacked on the orders of Sheriff Abbott and 43 pickets arrested.

Six were charged with "riot-ing"; 26 with "unlawful assembly" and 11 with violation of the anti-picket ordinance.

Abbott deputized more armed vigilantes Thursday night. The pickets were attacked a second time when they rallied to march through the downtown streets of the city.

It took a jury only an hour to acquit Luella "Happy" Branham, striker charged with hurling rocks Sept. 16. The International Labor Defense defended her.

SALINAS.—A whole series of new fake dynamitings marked the past few days of the lettuce workers' strike.

These are more and more being resorted to by the grower-shippers in face of the unshakable "stick-to-it" spirit of the members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union. Little more than 20 out of over (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 5)

#### Women Fight High Cost Of Living

LOS ANGELES.—Aroused by the ever-increasing cost of living, housewives are organizing here under the banner of the "Housewives' Crusade" to bring a reduction in food prices.

Pointing out that the food prices have risen way above wages, Jane Kerr, film actress, and Helen Garvin have taken the lead in the drive to organize housewives against the high cost of living.

"We must investigate these prices," declared Miss Kerr. "We are free Americans and nobody can tell us to keep silent on a matter that affects us so vitally. Why butter is up to 42 cents a pound and pork is 45c."

Miss Kerr said interested women can get into the fight against high prices by contacting her at 1975 Beachwood Drive, telephone Hempstead 7905.

#### S.F. Tailors Win Wage Increase As Result of Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—More than 100 of the 250 striking tailors returned to work Friday, and 150 others will return Monday, after contractors signed an agreement with the Journeymen Tailors and the Amalgamated, leaders of the strike.

Wage increases of 10 to 15 percent were won. The strikers also demanded the 36-hour week and union recognition.

#### Cost Of Living Is Still Going Up

WASHINGTON.—Food costs 21.5 percent more money now than the average in October, 1932, according to figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and 1 percent over costs in September.

Higher retail figures are reported for fruits, vegetables, flour, fresh pork and beef, mutton, salt mackerel, tomato soup, and dried apples.

#### NOT TO OLD



JOSE HUGHES, 73 years old, but a crack marksman and not too old to fight in Spain in the ranks of the workers' militia, for the defense of democracy against the Fascists.

#### FOSTER CALLS FOR DONATIONS IN EMERGENCY

#### Fund Need Is Urgent For C.P. Campaign

A serious financial crisis in the Communist election campaign on a national scale, endangering the remaining scheduled national broadcasts, was revealed in a telegram just received by the State Campaign Committee from William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party.

Addressed to William Schneiderman, state secretary of the C. P., the telegram follows:

"Broadway statement reveals serious financial situation. Whole program election campaign endangered. Party must start responsibility. Alarm Party and non-Party organizations of seriousness of situation. Please send all funds on hand. Prepare energetically collections in mass organizations, Party units, tag (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 1)

#### Police Arsenals Full—McCarthy

SAN FRANCISCO.—Munitions for use against strikers are still stacked high in San Francisco police arsenals, charged Ignatius McCarthy, tear-gas salesman for the Lake Erie Chemical Co. on Wednesday.

The Federal Laboratories salesman who got an order for \$15,872 worth of tear gas in the 1934 waterfront strike through bribery of police officials, could well afford to pay for that little trip back east for Sergeant Thomas McInerney and ex-cop Gurnea, said McCarthy. The Federal salesman, Joe M. Roush, got about \$4000 commission out of the deal, McCarthy claims.

Chief Quinn ignored the city charter rule which prohibited him from buying the tear gas without taking bids, and ever without a requisition, charged McCarthy.

#### Flood Drowns 100 Filipino Miners

MANILA.—Bringing the death toll in floods and typhons during the past week in the Philippine Islands, more than 199 miners were drowned in the Zombales region when floods swept their homes into the sea near Subic Bay.

Cholera and dysentery were reported spreading among the inhabitants, and vaccines and medicines were needed desperately. It was estimated 30,000 persons are homeless as a result of the flood which swept through Luzon's northern provinces.

#### SHOW UNIONS HAVE WORKED TOWARD PEACE

#### Prove Shipowners Stall To Force Arbitration

SAN FRANCISCO.—How the maritime unions have made every effort to insure a peaceful settlement of the waterfront controversy is shown in a statement by Mervyn Rathborne, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Bay Area District Council, Pacific Coast Maritime Federation.

Rathborne's statement follows: "Since the appointment of the Maritime Commission the unions have made every effort to cooperate with this body to insure a peaceful settlement of the present waterfront controversy."

Commission's Threats  
"The unions believe they have been unjustly treated by the commission. The commission's telegram of yesterday, threatening reprisals would follow if the unions did not accept an unconditional extension of present agreements, merely reiterated the employers own threats."

"On September 23, two days before the commission was appointed, the unions proposed a 30-day extension of existing agreements. This action was taken at the request of the Department of Labor."

"Between September 23 and 30 the employers consistently refused an extension. Late on September 30 the shipowners reluctantly agreed to a 15-day extension at the insistence of the Maritime Commission, the Department of Labor and the unions."

Fundamental Rights  
"A tieup can be easily averted if the Maritime Commission (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 2)

#### Nazis Are Told To Vote For Landon

NEW YORK.—Nazis in this country know their friends and protector, so they are going to vote for Alfred M. Landon.

Fifty thousand members of the German-American Bund have been told by their leader, Fritz Kuhn, to vote for Landon because he is the candidate "most sympathetic to the Nazi regime and Adolf Hitler."

It is significant that Kuhn made his announcement just after his return from Germany, where he had an interview with Hitler.

#### Browder Exposes Republican Plot

Another Fascist plot by the Republican Party in its campaign to elect the Hearst-Liberty League candidate, Alf Landon, was exposed last Tuesday by Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.

"I have learned," said Browder, "that in Illinois the Republican judges of the Supreme Court have decided to rule the Communist Party off the ballot in order to be able to claim that if the Democrats win the election it was with Communist votes."

Vote Communist!  
Browder told newspapermen that "we want Communist votes to be cast for the Communist ticket."

"When a reporter asked, 'You don't want Mr. Roosevelt, do you?'" Browder replied: "We are not especially interested in Mr. Roosevelt. He does not represent us, but represents the capitalists who are fighting him. He represents the very capitalists who are fighting him, he represents their interests better than Landon does. It is not the first time that capitalists have grabbed too hastily at the (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

#### HAPPENED HERE



EARL BROWDER, Communist candidate for President, is shown behind the bars in Terre Haute Ind., where Police Chief and Mayor, filled with Hitler ideas jailed Browder to prevent a scheduled radio address. Trade unionists, liberals, and progressives throughout the country protested the Fascist action. Browder is suing Terre Haute authorities for \$50,000.

#### CAL. WORKERS' ALLIANCE WINS RECOGNITION

#### WPA Agrees To Job Committees

SAN FRANCISCO.—The WPA has been compelled to grant recognition to the Workers Alliance of California!

Recognition was demanded and gained by the State Executive Board of the Alliance, which appeared last Tuesday before the State WPA Administration here.

Full Recognition  
Before the session was ended, the WPA authorities had agreed to recognition of the Workers Alliance job stewards, job organizers and job committees.

These will have the right to organize workers on the projects, to take up grievances without discrimination, and to post union notices on bulletin boards of the projects.

Representatives of the WPA (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 3)

#### Reveal \$700,000 Graft "Business"

SAN FRANCISCO.—A \$700,000 a year business in police graft pay-offs for "protection" operated out of McDonough Bros., bail bond brokers, was exposed last Wednesday here as the latest development in the odorous police graft investigation, indicating that the longer the investigation is continued the more corruption is uncovered.

Edwin N. Atherton, chief graft prober, confirmed the statement on the graft clearing house originally made by Patrolman Joseph Murray and scathed the police department for its "awakening" to the situation by arresting some 20 persons in houses of prostitution.

"The arrest, following in the wake of recent developments in the graft probe, must be construed either as ignorance on the part of the police as to conditions, or as a plea of guilty that certain resorts were permitted to operate for a consideration," said Atherton.

Atherton said all resorts closed had existed for a long time.

A Likely Story!  
Police Chief Quinn denied any "crusade" and claimed the raids were "in the ordinary routine of duty."

Patrolmen Murray and David (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

#### REFERENDUM ON A STRIKE CALL STARTS

#### Commission's Plan Would Play Into Employers' Hands

BULLETIN  
As the Western Worker was going to press, waterfront workers were indignantly aroused at reports in the capitalist press that a break in the unions' ranks occurred due to statements issued favoring a postponement of the strike vote by Lundeberg, Sailors' Union Secretary, Aaron Sapiro, sailors' attorney, and Leopold, of the Marine Firemen. The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union is the only one whose membership voted Thursday night to postpone the strike ballot, according to last-minute reports.

A special meeting of the Joint Maritime Negotiating Committee has been called as a result of the resentment of many maritime workers, who fear that such statements by union officials will be capitalized by the employers, who hope to weaken the united front of the unions.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Refusing to play into the shipowners' hands by accepting the maritime Commission's demand for an INDEFINITE truce, the Joint Negotiating Committee of the maritime unions has called for a coastwide referendum to authorize it to call a strike any time after October 26.

This proposal, made by the I. W. O., was accepted by all the unions.

This was the unions' reply to the Maritime Commission's high-handed edict that it "cannot set any limit of time as to the period of investigations."

Deciding to dispatch Rear Admiral Hamlin to the West Coast, the Commission made its proposal for an indefinite continuation of the present truce on Tuesday.

The unions accepted continuation of the truce for another 10 days—until October 26. The shipowners' coast committee, desiring to stall indefinitely in order to force arbitration at such basic questions as the hiring hall (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 6)

#### Supreme Court Has Herndon Case

WASHINGTON.—From the point of view of the rights of labor and of the Negro people, the Angelo Herndon case is the most important on the calendar of the U.S. Supreme Court. The court recently opened its sessions.

Herndon, young Negro Communist and unemployed leader, has been sentenced to 18-20 years on a Georgia chain-gang, under an antiquated "slave insurrection law."

The sentence has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, before which the constitutionality of the insurrection law will be squarely placed. Herndon, temporarily free on bail, is candidate for the All-Peoples Party for the assembly, in Harlem, New York.

#### "Voice" Staff Says No Connection With "Mirror"

THE WESTERN WORKER is glad to report that the editorial staff of the "Voice of the Federation," organ of the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation, has no connection with the "Maritime Mirror," red-baiting, union-disrupting sheet.

A statement by the editorial staff, printed in the Oct. 15 issue of the "Voice" states that "the board would not tolerate any member of the staff to act in such a capacity."



## STRIKE BALLOT OF WAREHOUSE MEN IS PUT OFF

**To Make Further Efforts To Obtain Peaceful Solution**

SAN FRANCISCO—Postponement of a vote on strike action was decided upon Wednesday night by the Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44.

Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast district president of the I.L.A., addressed the Warehousemen's membership meeting at Labor Temple. Bridges urged the Warehousemen to make every effort for peaceful settlement.

A committee representing the Bay Area District Council of the Maritime Federation was also present at the meeting.

No further strike vote will be taken before October 28, and all efforts will be made to reach a settlement by that date.

The Warehousemen in commercial, cold storage and grain warehouses seek wage increases from 62½ cents an hour to 85 cents, and a 40-hour week. Over 800 men are affected.

## Foster Calls For Emergency Aid

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days, etc. Send copies of this telegram to all Party units with instructions to read Browder's appeal at next unit meeting.

"WILLIAM Z. FOSTER." (See Page 3 for the urgent appeal from Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.)

Treasury Emptied

In response to this telegram, the State Campaign Committee immediately forwarded \$500, all funds on hand.

As a result, \$350 is immediately needed by the State Campaign Committee in order to put on the state-wide broadcast by William Schneiderman, state secretary, scheduled for October 29th over the NBC stations of KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; KFSD, San Diego.

Funds are also needed to help put Carl B. Patterson, 9th Congressional District candidate, on the air in Fresno.

In addition, \$200 are immediately needed for printing a state-wide leaflet on the Communist program in California.

Funds should be raised immediately and forwarded to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

Shady Counting

Of Kern Ballots

By a Worker Correspondent

BAKERSFIELD.—Probabilities of shady counting of the ballots in the fourth supervisorial district of Kern County will be probed through a recount and investigation in the superior court Oct. 20th.

In the election the incumbent, Stanley Abel, was declared winner by some 12 votes. Until the count of the absentee ballots his Epic opponent, Leonard McClintock, was leading by a narrow margin.

Contesting the election in the superior court, McClintock charged gross irregularities in the counting of ballots in two precincts, Honolulu and Twenty-five Hill.

Most Epic workers were convinced that crooked counting was resorted to in order to get the winning votes for the reactionary. In one precinct it is charged that the ballots were inspected before being put in the boxes, that the voting booths were out of sight of the election board, that the ballot box was accessible to others beside the election board.

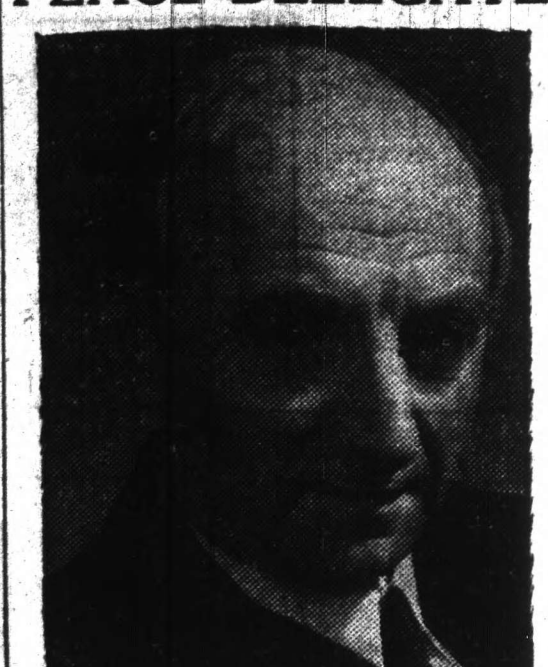
Watch for Absconder

Joe Blumenthal, until recently a member of the Young Communist League in San Francisco, has absconded with \$35 in cash from the Party bookstore at 121 Haight St. All comrades in Pacific coast cities are asked to be on the lookout for him, and expose him if he shows up.

Blumenthal is approximately 23 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches tall. He is dark complexioned, with dark, curly hair, and regular features. When last seen he wore a khaki shirt, overalls, and soiled yellow wind-breaker. He was supposed to have come to San Francisco from Seattle.

Comrades are warned against his attempts to win confidence by the use of the names of leading Y.C.L. members in San Francisco.

## PEACE DELEGATE



DR. HARRY F. WARD, who has just returned from international peace convention at Brussels, Belgium, where plans were laid for closer team work of anti-war forces throughout the world.

## HIT ANTI-LABOR STUFF AT U. C.

**Alameda Labor Body Raises The Roof**

OAKLAND.—Anti-labor goings-on in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of California in Berkeley met a sharp protest from the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

The Council's protest demands the removal of University instructors in the military science department, for having given an examination encouraging anti-labor sentiment among the ROTC students.

Copies of the protest went to Gov. Merriam, University President Sproul, and to the college paper, the Daily Californian.

The Painters Union took similar action in a separate protest.

The Labor Council selected a committee of three to meet with college officials.

The examinations referred to mentioned a waterfront strike in which the ROTC, equipped with tear gas, was to be sent against the strikers.

## Show Maritime Unions For Peace

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will guarantee that marine unions retain the fundamental rights they fought for and won in 1934. These are: Union hiring halls for all unions; six-hour day for longshoremen; eight-hour day for seamen; cash payment of overtime and habitable living quarters on ships.

"If these fundamental union rights can be guaranteed there will be no strike on October 8th."

How the shipowners have been stalling in order to force arbitration of such basic demands as the hiring hall and the 6-hour day was revealed in the unions' joint negotiations committee wire to President Roosevelt:

"The joint negotiating committee, representing all maritime unions, takes this means of notifying you that they have attempted to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Maritime Commission to avoid a tieup."

"The present 15-day extension granted at the request of the commission has resulted in great unrest on the part of our membership, due to employers' attitude in refusing bona fide negotiations. This situation has been aggravated by the commission's latest assumption of authority not yet in effect, when the public and unions were looking to them to take a neutral and pacifying attitude."

"In view of the above and attempting to protect solely fundamental issues unions now have and feel jeopardized, the negotiating committee of the maritime unions is submitting to the memberships a referendum asking full authority to order strike action midnight October 28."

"This action taken to avoid tie-up through spontaneous action by our membership and to give commission a chance to correct false impressions left in the minds of our members and the public and use their efforts to settle the situation peacefully by mediation."

Council Postpones New Ordinance For "Border Blockade"

LOS ANGELES.—Under pressure from progressive groups, the City Council last Tuesday acted to postpone for a week consideration of an ordinance which would give Chief "Peanut" Hitler Davis power to resurrect his unconstitutional "border blockade" against transient workers on the pretext of sending L.A. cops to other cities and states for "education."

## HIRE DEPUTIES FOR TB CATTLE TEST, MODESTO

**Small Farmers Bitter At Loss of Cattle And Little Pay**

MODESTO.—So bitter is the sentiment of small dairy farmers against the compulsory testing of cattle, and the killing of cattle without adequate compensation, that Sheriff Grat M. Hugin of Stanislaus County has announced the hiring of two extra special deputies to enforce the test.

Small Farmers Hit

Under the compulsory bovine tuberculosis test, small farmers have been forced to segregate or kill valuable cattle, receiving little or no payment for the cows thus lost. Large-scale dairy corporations do not oppose the test, because they are able to bribe testers and also can afford the loss of a few cattle here and there.

The small farmers do not oppose the test for T.B. in itself. Sheriff Hugin has threatened to make the small farmers pay for the expense of the extra deputies, through a lien on their herds.

Workers Alliance Is Recognized

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workers from the entire state were present on behalf of the Workers Alliance Board. President Lintner of the California Alliance was chairman of the Alliance delegation, and Alex Noral, state organizational secretary of the Alliance, spokesman.

Spokesmen for the WPA officials were State WPA Director McLaughlin; his assistant Wadsworth; Edward Cooley, of the employment division of the WPA, and Emily Woolley, state labor relations director.

Comes Off High Horse

This was the first time McLaughlin had met WPA workers' representatives since the start of his administration.

The Workers Alliance also proposed that committees be set up in each locality for the establishment of machinery to put through this recognition. A committee of three for each locality was proposed—one from the Workers Alliance; one from the Central Labor Council and one from the WPA administration.

McLaughlin promised this would receive serious consideration.

The Workers Alliance raised the question of the national demand for a 20 per cent wage increase. McLaughlin claimed that it would have to be settled in Washington as he did in the demand for rescinding of Bulletin 10, 44, forcing workers who lose time due to weather conditions to make up for this.

The Workers Alliance pointed out that qualified workers who secured temporary jobs on private concerns had been promised rehiring by the WPA, and this was being violated. McLaughlin said that nothing could be done, due to the program of education on WPA.

Hairbreadth Escape From Bomb For Mother, Child

LONG BEACH.—A mother and her three-year-old daughter narrowly escaped death here last Monday when a bomb, believed accidentally dropped from a Navy airplane during "war games," wrecked their home. Luckily the bomb, which ripped through the roof and floor and buried itself several feet in the earth below, failed to explode.

Army and navy officials announced, as usual when their carelessness has caused an accident, that an "investigation will be made."

Had the bomb exploded, it would have destroyed many surrounding buildings as well, officials said.

As In Tampa, Fla., C.P. Nominee Barred From Use Of Hall

TURLOCK.—Constitutional rights aren't taken seriously by the city and county officials here who interpret them every time to the benefit of the reactionaries and against the workers and small farmers.

Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th District, was refused admittance to Pentecostal Hall here last week for a campaign meeting. The front door was padlocked, and "no trespassers" signs had been freshly tacked on the building.

## LANDON AND HEARST DOPE IS 1936 BAIT

Fishing in the political sea, a worker sent in the following postcard to the Communist State Election Campaign Committee from Moss Landing, filling in the form with his own comments, as follows:

RED'S BAIT STAND  
Moss Landing, Calif., Oct. 8, 1936.

General Conditions — Rotten, Strike still on, Heard Radio Address, Send me your "Western" and any free reading.

Bait or Lure Used—Landon, Lemke and Hearst dope.

Number Taken—Plenty with gas in Salinas, by the "powers-that-be."

## U. S. S. R. PUTS MEET ON SPOT

**Demands Blockade of Portuguese Ports**

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submitted to, and discussed by, the committee October 9th, and the Portuguese government was requested to supply as early as possible such explanations as were necessary to establish the facts."

The U.S.S.R. note demanded re-convening of the committee this week.

Blockade the Fascists

MOSCOW.—Blockade of Portuguese ports to prevent shipment of arms through Portugal to the Spanish Fascists, was demanded by the Soviet Union in a note calling on the "neutrality committee" to urge the British or French navy, or both, to patrol the ports.

The Soviet note again pointed out that the violations by Fascist nations make the "neutrality pact" nothing but a screen for aid to the Fascists while the Spanish government is blockaded.

"The main supply of rebel arms is carried on through Portugal and through Portuguese ports," said the note. "A minimum urgent measure to put an end to this supply and to violation of the non-intervention agreement would be immediate establishment of control over Portuguese ports."

"We demand from the committee establishment of such control. We suggest the enforcement of the control measures be turned over to the French or British fleet, or both, acting together."

BARCELONA, Spain.—A huge crowd cheered the Soviet Union here last Wednesday, when the ship Zirianin arrived with a cargo of 3000 tons of food and medical supplies from a Soviet port.

The Soviet consul greeting the ship, was carried on the shoulders of the crowd.

MOSCOW.—The Spanish aid fund being raised here has reached 26,000,000 rubles (\$5,200,000), with a fourth food ship being sent to Spain.

Telephone service was established direct to Madrid, with Julio Alvarez Del Vayo, Spain's foreign minister, thanking Soviet authorities for the food already sent, in the first call over the new circuit.

Salinas Defense Meet In East Bay

OAKLAND.—The East Bay Section of the International Labor Defense will hold a meeting at Carpenter's Hall, 763-12th Street, Oakland, Sunday, October 18, 8 p. m., for the benefit of the defense fund of the five Salinas lettuce strikers who are being defended by the I.L.D. after their arrests for strike activities.

Luella Branham, who was just freed in a Salinas trial, will be the main speaker and will tell the true story of conditions today in the lettuce strike. Elaine Black, I.L.D. secretary and labor and progressive leaders will also speak.

The meeting is one of a series being conducted by the I.L.D. throughout California in defense of the five arrested strikers. The San Francisco district of the I.L.D. held a meeting for the same purpose at Druids Hall, Friday night, October 16.

600 Smeltermen To Join Utah Metal Miners Strike

SALT LAKE CITY.—About 600 workers in the Midvale Smelter are expected to join the strike of 3000 copper, silver and lead miners, which has closed all Utah mines.

The strike, led by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers International, is for wage increases and strict regulation of hours.

## VICTORY IN ORE. C. S. CASE WILL SPUR CAL. DRIVE

**De Jonge, Sentenced To 7 Years, Freed On Bail**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dirk De Jonge, Oregon Communist leader, sentenced to seven years imprisonment on a charge of criminal syndicalism, has been released on \$2,000 bail pending appeal of his case to the United States Supreme Court. This is the first time in the history of Oregon, where there have been dozens of criminal syndicalism prosecutions and convictions, that a political prisoner has been released on bail pending an appeal.

Also imprisoned in Oregon on a criminal syndicalism charge is Edward Denny, under a two-year sentence.

Date From 1934 Strike

The cases of DeJonge and Denny go back to the police raids during the maritime strike of 1934, when eleven persons were charged with criminal syndicalism in Oregon. A persistent campaign of mass pressure and protest carried on by the International Labor Defense in Portland, is credited with the present victory in the DeJonge case.

The victory in the DeJonge case has spurred a campaign for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law in Oregon, in which scores of progressive organizations are participating. The immediate release of Edward Denny is among the demands raised in this campaign.

The Oregon victory is also expected to spur the campaign for freedom of the Sacramento, California, prisoners, and the fight to repeal the C.S. law in California.

Fake Bombings In Salinas

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4000 original shed strikers have gone back to work.

Crude Frame-up Attempts

The latest crude frame-up attempts of the employers include tossing of a "home-made" gas bomb into two strikebreaking trucks; hurling of another crude pipe-section bomb into an automobile near the General Box Factory; tossing of a gas bomb into a lettuce truck, and several other such incidents, which caused no damage.

Picketing has taken on a real mass character. This is now true of Watsonville as well as Salinas. About 1000 pickets demonstrated peacefully at Watsonville.

They marched from the Union Hall to the barricaded lettuce sheds half a mile outside the city limits.

The demonstration answered growers' propaganda that union members were leaving this area. Sheriff Griffin of Salinas used the fake bombings as a pretext for sending to Los Angeles for police experts, and increasing police mobilization.

Arrests of union pickets continued, under the anti-picket ordinances recently passed by the Board of Supervisors. Cases of 22 strikers arrested in recent weeks on charges of disturbing the peace, were continued until October 21.

A frame-up attempt against William Redner, on "dynamiting charges" is being hatched.

Townsendites Pledge Support To Farmer-Labor Party

SUNLAND.—Speaking before the Sunland Townsend Club here October 12th, O. E. Lair, member of the State Continuation Committee for United Political Action, declared that the only way the old people could be assured of an adequate old-age pension was to build a strong Farmer-Labor Party.

Lair's explanation of the aims of a Farmer-Labor Party brought enthusiastic response from the club members. Called upon to answer questions on a tentative platform for a Farmer-Labor Party, Lair was assured that members of the Sunland Townsend Club would actively support such a movement.

North Beach Holds Rally For Spain

SAN FRANCISCO.—Italian, Spanish and English speakers will urge defense of Spain's democracy at a meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 8 p. m., at California Spanish Society Hall, Powell and Broadway, in North Beach, under auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism.

## L.A. BANKER IS HITLER-HELPER IN AMERICA

LOS ANGELES.—Wm. May Garland, wealthy banker and International Olympic Committee member, took Hitler's approval as embodied in an "honorary degree" from Heidelberg University, to heart.

Returning here, Garland took Hitler's "line," attributing all strife in Europe, especially in Germany and Spain, to the insidious forces of Bolshevism, instead of to the Fascist war-provokers.

Garland also carried his Nazi sympathies into politics upon his arrival, taking up the Fascist banner of Alf Landon and attacking the Roosevelt administration for "tolerating Communist propaganda."

Referendum On Marine Strike

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and 6-hour day, set no time limit.

The unions were unanimous in their decision to call a referendum on authorizing the joint committee to call a strike if the committee deems a strike necessary after October 28.

Admiral Wiley, chairman of the Maritime Commission, indicated how the Commission's demand for an indefinite truce would play into the shippers' hands, when he stated that the investigation to be made by Rear Admiral Hamlet would take over 30 days.

Political observers in Washington pointed out that one of the Commission's aims is to jockey matters along until after the elections, when the administration would feel even less constrained than at present to exert pressure on the shipowners to assume a reasonable attitude toward the unions' reasonable demands, which include retaining the hiring hall and the 6-hour day, won as a result of the hard fought 1934 strike.

These the shipowners have seemed determined to abolish. The shipowners, however, have backwatered on their threat: "Arbitration or Lockout."

The unions' announcement in calling for the coast-wise referendum stated that:

"The joint negotiating committees representing all maritime unions at present attempting to negotiate with waterfront employers and shipowners, met today to discuss the latest wire from the Maritime Commission, in which the commission insists on compliance with its demands."

"This particular phase of the wire, it was felt, contained a threat, and it was further disclosed and agreed in the discussion that the commission was assuming powers with which it is not entrusted."

The joint negotiating committee also gave serious consideration to a proposal submitted by the Pacific Coast District Executive Board of the International Longshoremen's Association, which is as follows:

"The maritime unions have notified the Maritime Commission they are agreeable that operations continue under present agreements until Oct. 26, at which date the commission's authority becomes officially effective. During the extension all unions, with the commission acting as mediators, will attempt to negotiate agreements with the employers."

"If, despite mediation by the Maritime Commission, a satisfactory agreement is not reached on the fundamental issues of the I.L.A. and the other maritime unions by Oct. 28, will the I.L.A. membership concerned designate the executive board to act for them as follows:

"Are you in favor of giving to your representative on the joint negotiating committees, namely the Pacific Coast district executive board, full authority to call a strike at midnight, Oct. 28, if no satisfactory agreement is reached between the I.L.A. and the employers on the above fundamental issues?"

"This proposition as submitted by the I.L.A. was unanimously concurred in by the representatives of all maritime unions present at this meeting, who further agreed that they would submit similar proposals to their membership in order to take simultaneous action with the I.L.A."

"If such a referendum is in the affirmative, it will mean that the representatives of the maritime unions will have the authority to order its entire membership concerned to cease work midnight Oct. 28, and not to resume until a satisfactory agreement has been arrived at with the shipowners on the fundamental issues as proposed by all maritime unions."

"Most of the fundamental issues in question were given to the workers of the maritime industry as a result of the strike and subsequent arbitration in 1934 and '35."

"Now it is very apparent that the employers wish to settle the

## OVER THE TOP FOR SPAIN IS C. P.'S RECORD

**Lodi Workers Donate \$90 As Quota Of \$1000 Passed**

Over the top for Labor's Red Cross for Spain, and for the second time!

That's the record of the Communist Party of California, which first went over the original \$500 quota and now has gone over the \$1000 quota set. So far \$1050.18 has been raised and forwarded to the national committee headed by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

No Fascist Now!

Lodi workers, many of Spanish descent and one Italian who signed himself "Ex-Fascist," contributed \$90.

Late contributions include: Previously acknowledged, \$949.18; M. Kessegiev, \$3; Lodi workers, \$90; Comrade from book shop, \$1; A Friend, \$1; Fred Barushok, Stockton, \$6; total—\$1050.18. Further contributions may be sent to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

Nick Track and Jim Panigot collected the \$90 in Lodi from the following workers:

Lodi Anti-Fascists

John Lapson, Jim Panigot, Nick Panusos, B. Davis, J. Johnson, Theo. Plakis, A. Stackoff, John Miches, John Lakas, J. T. U. S. Cigar Store, Woodrow Edwards, Kamal Lodin, Mike Bakas, Jerry Crusas, T. George, J. Mantoff, C. Svetoff, Wm. Lios, Pete Badarakis, Nick Carras, M. Koutsantonis, Tom Mo-saidis, Pete Charney, L. Lusich, Mike Theodoros, S. Maidoff, A. Dimoff, Jim Bobotas, Andy Ask-lis, Tom Corak, J. M., Sofia Labukas, Tom Sikiotis, Emil Stack, A. Philips, H. Meronia, A Friend, Geo. Suntos, S. Shabarian.

Tom Syropoulos, Mike Ankonoff, J. Manos, T. Velicoff, A. Pappas, J. Christ, H. Chaltas, Lodi Barber Shop, J. Panef, J. Nauman, John Pappas, Pete Scaras, Nick Moschos, D. Moschos, Alex Koleff, Jih Billis, John Johnson, Bill Sparrow, Jim Carras, John Colovos, G. Tartas, Geo. Makedonos, J. Russell, George Makris, P. Onis, G. Bunasita, V. Pascone, John Stan-lich, L. Giuseppe, G. Pani, J. Fredi, ex-Fascist, E. Marino, J. Biana, Rosy C., E. Dimarco, G. Gurano, Leonardo, D. Corado, Samuele, Paolo, John Vano, L. Butolon, Alfonso, Salvatore, F. Manasero, Pitro, Rossi, G. Saro, George McComb, A. Romanoff, C. Roseli, G. Nelson, Nick Track.

Hitler Stuff

BOSTON.—Six cops armed with tear gas guns and side arms, guarded the hotel room of Father Coughlin here and refused to let newsmen in to question the priest about his quarrel with a reporter at Providence, R.I.

Coughlin had snatched off the spectacles from John Barry, for "trying to stick your nose into a private meeting."

Waving his arms and shouting in true Hitler fashion, Coughlin later ranted: "If I had him (Barry) here, I'd tear him to pieces."

Barry said Coughlin's anger was due to a previous interview when he, Barry, put several pointed questions to the priest.

Reveal \$700,000 Graft "Business"

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Dillon were indicted by the grand jury for bribery.

Murray stated that houses of prostitution paid \$500 to \$750 to open up and \$10 a day to operate—under "protection" by the cops.

Pay-Off Joint

The pay-off office for graft was revealed to be a rather shabby bar, just around the corner from the Hall of Justice, a few hundred feet from the office of McDonough Bros.

Although the graft investigation has been going on for nearly six months, no grafting cops have yet been brought to trial. Previously only four cops had been indicted, and 12 fired from their jobs. Throughout, the probes Chief Quinn has put on an "innocence" act.

It is believed a thorough graft probe would expose virtually every San Francisco office-holder and politician, to say nothing of many "blue-bloods" behind the scene.

S.F. Fish Butchers End Strike With Union Shop Won

SAN FRANCISCO.—After 23 days of strike, the dispute between the fish butchers and the wholesale fish companies has been settled with the signing of an agreement.

Among the demands granted are: union shops and preferential hiring; 48-hour week; \$35 per week for journeymen butchers; \$31 for helpers; \$20 for apprentices.

About 100 members of Butchers local 15 and 50 teamsters were affected by the strike.

present controversy by arbitration, in order to take away some of the gains made in the past.

"Consequently the organizations cannot submit to this as a matter of principle."

A union announcement stated the commission's telegram replying to the union acceptance of a further truce until Oct. 26, "contained a threat, and it was further disclosed and agreed in the discussion that the commission was assuming powers with which it was not entrusted."

Attorney Rodney Williams, who defended Allen during the trial, was not in court.



## LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

In the French parliamentary elections last spring, Comrade Blackon proved himself a real shock-brigade as a Communist candidate, surmounting all difficulties to carry on an unusually successful campaign.

It was a rural and mountainous territory, yet Comrade Blackon held meetings in every little village and hamlet. Result was the biggest Communist vote in history in his department, and 500 new members for the French Communist Party.

### Taking His Example . . .

Bessie Keckler, our Communist candidate in the 80th Assembly District, apparently has set Comrade Blackon's work as an example, for she is touring the hills of her district, which includes all of San Diego County, outside of San Diego City, and carrying the message of our 1936 election platform.

Recently she and her campaign secretary have made three trips through this large territory, and report that they have been received with a wholehearted welcome and asked to return again.

"Although in one or two instances, we were rebuffed at first," they report, "we always won out."

### Workers, Farmers Listen . . .

The two women started out at El Cajon, and then went to the County poor farm at Santee, where they had an "extra good reception by all there, many going to our San Diego bookstore to buy literature since."

Their route then went to Lakeside, Alpine, Baron Long Rancho, WPA job 397, Descanso, Hubberd Grove, Pine Valley, Oak Knoll Springs, Boulevard and Jacumba. On the way back, they went over the Campo Highway to the big Val Spar mines and mill, from there to Potrero, Dulzura and Jamul. In four days they distributed 1500 pieces of literature.

On their trips in the mountainous country of Mussie Grade and Ramona, they ran into one who said "you ought to be shot," and a woman who said, "It is a pity our American women can't find something better to do—I am an American citizen."

Our Communist shock-brigade promptly answered back, "So are we, sister."

At Julian they received a joyous welcome and held a meeting on October 6th.

You don't have to look in a crystal ball to predict that Comrade Keckler will get a big vote for the Communist Party, a big vote that will go a long way toward building a Farmer-Labor Party in the 80th Assembly District.

### "Labor's Champion" . . .

Thomas Maloney, incumbent assemblyman in the 20th District, San Francisco, has got a lot of crust to call himself "Labor's Champion."

Here is a real phoney, a real anti-labor faker, whose record in the State Legislature belies any claim he may make as to being a "labor man."

Maloney voted against labor on nine out of 10 bills in the last session according to the State Federation of Labor's tabulation. Maloney is out campaigning for Hearst's presidential candidate, Alf Landon.

There's only one champion of organized labor running for office in the 20th Assembly District, and that's Sam Jaye, Communist nominee, member of Miscellaneous Employees' Union, Local 110, of the culinary unions, and delegate to the S.F. Central Labor Council.

Union members living in this district should vote solid for Jaye as a vote for union labor, should turn out next Tuesday, October 20th 8 p.m., to hear Jaye speak on his program, at 1133 Mission St.

### "News To Quinn" . . .

They used to say "it's news when a man bites a dog."

The other day, when a vice joint was discovered paying graft to S.F. cops in the shadow of the Hall of Justice, Police Chief Quinn said "it's news to me."

To the average citizen of San Francisco, it would be NEWS if Chief Quinn did not know about the pay-offs!

## BROWDER-FORD DRIVE STARTS COMPETITIONS

### Spirit of Competition In Drive For New Communists

Entering its fifth week, the Browder-Ford Membership Drive is really beginning to roll, with challenges flying right and left for Socialist competition in recruiting new members to the Communist Party.

Harbor Section, Los Angeles, accepts the San Francisco waterfront's challenge in a tone that means business. Goodyear and Downtown sections of L. A. have entered into a hot competition with Mission Section, S. F.

Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th District, L. A., has sent a stinging personal challenge to Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, and insists that Ross accept with a public statement.

Let's Hear From San Diego! San Diego comrades are lagging badly, and should take immediate steps, with personal pledges to recruit from Stanley Hancock and other leading Party members.

Bakersfield's early laurels in the drive are being endangered by Merced, which is gaining by leaps and bounds. The personal experiences of these comrades should be sent in to the Western Worker.

San Mateo and Santa Clara are also disappointing in the campaign, but it's not too late.

East Bay Gets Going East Bay just came in with 25 new recruits to rocket their total to 44, bringing them close to L. A.'s record so far.

All sections are urged to take proper care of their new members, and to check up on dues payments. Although recruiting is growing, dues payments are still lagging. Every comrade is expected to make it his personal task to see that his unit is up to date on its dues.

## Greyhound Shows Discrimination

LOS ANGELES. — Showing flagrant racial discrimination, the Greyhound Bus Agency, 544 So Hill St., refused to reserve berth accommodations for Clara Towns, here last Monday.

Mrs. Towns, who was leaving on a prize trip to the Soviet Union from the Western Worker applied through the usual channels for berth accommodation and was told by the clerk in charge that berths were not sold to Negroes.

Fluky Lie Carrying the matter to a Mr. Tibbitts, traffic manager, Mrs. Towns was told that there was no discrimination against Negroes but that no berths were available until a week from Wednesday.

A phone call put through a few minutes later revealed that berths were available on every bus leaving for the East every day this week.

Pointing out that refusal on the basis of racial discrimination constitutes grounds for both penal and civil suits, Mrs. Towns declared that legal action would quickly follow this denial of her civil rights.

### Can Anyone Find An Honest Man In S.F. Police Dept.?

SAN FRANCISCO. — Another grafting cop was turned up here last Saturday when Patrolman Joseph S. Murray allegedly signed a full confession he had accepted bribes for giving police protection to a vice resort, operating almost within the shadow of the Hall of Justice.

Police Chief Quinn promptly tried to crawl out from under by saying responsibility for this situation belonged with the Central Station police captain, not with himself.

### FOR A.F.L. UNITY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Opposition to the suspension of the C. I. O. unions was voted by the Louisville Central Labor Council.

## Urgent Message To The Party

By Earl Browder

Millions have already heard our message in this campaign. Never before have we brought the message of our Party to such large numbers. The response to our election policy is most encouraging. The central issue which we have pledged before the American people—the road towards progress or reaction—is being understood by millions.

Even larger sections of the people begin to understand that the next step in the fight against the ever-growing menace of Fascism, for the preservation and extension of our liberties, for even the minimum of economic security, is the building of the broad front of the common people—the Farmer-Labor Party.

The most advanced workers understand that this united struggle and not empty chatter, is the road that finally leads to the abolition of the system of capitalist exploitation and to socialism.

But in examining the work of our Party organizations it is evident that we are not taking full advantage of this growing influence of our Party and the interest of the people in our message.

The whole of our campaign which was organized on the basis of a definite budget is endangered by the slowness of the financial drive. Much of what we have done was done by incurring debts. We can go no further unless sufficient funds are available.

### Organize Our Forces NOW!

We are entering the final stage of the election campaign. The extent and the quality of our efforts in the remaining weeks will determine the results. I am therefore compelled to place these questions before you frankly.

The work from now on must be better organized. Every Party organization, every Party member must take up the election campaign with full force.

Until now there has been too much reliance on the spontaneous reaction of the masses. Now we must in every factory, in every trade union, in the other workers' mass organizations, organize our forces to win the masses. House-to-house canvassing, distribution of literature, personal talks with the voters, must be organized.

As a definite and most important phase of this organization work we must raise our election campaign fund. If we don't, we will be unable to go on. Our Party cannot afford to let this happen. Our Party is strong enough to come through with flying colors.

### Immediate Action!

The financial drive must therefore be carried through without delay. This includes:

1. Contribution and collection of the day's wage within a week.
2. Meetings in every neighborhood, city, in organization, for raising funds. Radio parties have proved very useful in this respect.
3. More intensive collections through the coupon books, tag days, and other means suitable to the local situation, as a means of collecting funds from amongst our growing circle of sympathizers.

I place the matter squarely before the Party. I urge all organizers of our Party and every member to take individual responsibility for the success of our campaign. I will personally take responsibility for the financial drive, the outcome of which will determine much of the results of our campaign.

All of us would share responsibility if we failed to respond to the needs of the present situation. But we must not fail. We must bring our program to every man and woman in the United States.

Let us, rather, assume responsibility for SUCCESS in this most important campaign.

EARL BROWDER.

## New Pro-Fascist Gang In L.A.

LOS ANGELES. — Another pro-Fascist organization has sprung up here alongside of the Silver Legion, Friends of New Germany, and the Klu Klux Klan. It is called the "American Warriors."

Running ads in the Hearst Examiner and Chandler Times, it professes to call "red-blooded" Americans together to prevent the "Reds" from taking bodily the United States to Moscow.

"Now look here, fellas, this is the plan. First, we gotta get some money. Then we gotta get rid of the Reds. Now you come back to a meeting Friday and I'll tell you how we do it," said the stooge in charge of the offices at 237 South Spring St., when asked questions concerning his organization by representatives of the Western Worker.

As near as could be learned, the function of the "American Warriors" is to form phoney labor organizations to act as disruptive influences in the growing trade union movement here. Whether or not the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association is financing the organization could not be learned, but it certainly has the smell of Hearst, Chandler, the M. and M. and the Chamber of Commerce.

### ALA. FOR CIO

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Rescind the CIO suspension, is the demand of the Labor Council here to the A.F.L. Executive Council.

### "Nix" Is Lathers' Answer to Bosses' 8-Hour Day Plea

LONG BEACH. — With one exception, all lathers employed in the entire harbor district are now 100% signed up in the Lathers Union.

The members, all employed, have a 6-hour day, but the Builders Exchange has requested the union to amend its rules so as to provide for an 8-hour day. The union is expected to turn this proposition down flat, regarding it as a backward step.

## C.P. FOR ADEQUATE RELIEF



THE NUMBER OF THOSE ON RELIEF AND WPA is gradually being cut down. The only party fighting for adequate relief and relief jobs at union wages is the Communist Party. It's also the only party which fights for a system of unemployment and social insurance. Photo shows scene in a relief office. These men want to work, and it's not their fault that they don't.

## Hearst Is Hitler's Hired Man, Says Rep. Byron Scott

LOS ANGELES. — "William Randolph Hearst is one of the prime liars in American journalism," said Congressman Byron Scott, Democrat incumbent in the 18th district, in an address given at the Fellowship Forum of Grace Methodist Episcopal church here October 11th, on the subject, "Hearst—Public Enemy No. 1."

"Hearst's attack on Roosevelt as a 'Communist' is an onslaught of black reaction behind the banners of yellow journalism—the rankest and vilest form this country has ever seen, declared Scott.

### Hitler's Man

"Hearst is paid \$400,000 annually by the German government to act as Mr. Hitler's American correspondent."

"Now 'Buy American' Hearst has gone to Europe on a foreign ship. For what reason, save to prepare himself for the position he has in mind—America's Hitler."

"I call upon all Republicans now to drive him out of that party, and into the political oblivion he so richly merits."

Scott, a former Long Beach high school teacher, was elected to Congress in 1934 and was victorious in the recent Democratic primaries.

In Congress he opposed the Hearst-backed Kramer Sedition Bill and the Blanton "Red rider."

## Build The Y.C.L., Urges Foster

Communist Party members were urged to throw full support behind the drive of the Young Communist League to reach a membership of 20,000 by January 1st, in a statement issued by William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Party.

Foster's statement follows: "I have viewed with greatest interest the increasingly important role being played by the Young Communist League in developing broad mass movements of American youth on the basis of the fight for their elementary rights to jobs, education, peace, freedom and progress."

"As a result of this work we have witnessed a tremendous growth in the prestige and influence of the League. But the organizational growth of the Y.C.L. is still out of all proportion to the following developed."

"The election campaign is offering the Party the opportunity of bringing its full position to the youth through mass meetings, leaflets, daily newspapers and through numerous local broadcasts. This opportunity can well be used to bring in thousands of new youth into our League during the campaign and in the period immediately following it."

"The Communist Party has a very important task in this regard. Side by side with its slogan for a Communist Party of 100,000 we must raise the slogan of a Young Communist League of 20,000 by January 1st."

"This task cannot be considered as a 'special favor' that the Party is extending the Y.C.L. We must look at the task from the viewpoint of strengthening the arm for a progressive youth movement in America."

"Particularly now is this important when the Fascist forces behind Landon and his stooge Lemke are making a strong bid for youth support. The youth can and must be won for the struggle against Fascism—for the building of the Farmer-Labor Party. A Young Communist League of 20,000 will go a long way towards insuring the successful carrying through of this job."

## STORM TROOP PLOT BARED

### Treasury Dept. Man Behind Plans

NEW YORK.—A plot to organize storm troopers against "radical influence of Jews and Reds," was revealed here last week when one Hubert W. Eldred, an employee of the U. S. Treasury Department, announced plans for a "militaristic veteran reserve corps of 830,000 members."

Eldred, who was working with the department's procurement division doing WPA work, was suspended by T. J. Forde, state procurement officer.

Eldred said his organization had 3000 members after six weeks, and that the men were to be uniformed and trained regularly at rifle practice and military drills under direction of a Russian White Guard, Vladimir Kusick, "who gives Grand Duchess Marie as a personal reference."

Eldred said President Roosevelt "had been suspected as a possible radical."

Mrs. Mabel Jacques Eichel, national director of the Independent Coalition of American Women which sponsored Al Smith's recent anti-Roosevelt speech, was named as "very interested" in Eldred's storm-troop idea.

## Negro Newspaper Flays Hearst

LOS ANGELES. — William Randolph Hearst and his newspaper syndicate were branded as the worst fomenters of race hatred in the United States by Fay M. Jackson, editor and publisher of the California News and defender of the Negro people.

"Through the columns of his various newspapers and his world wide news syndicate, he has, since the beginning of his career, portrayed the Negro as a criminal, a hopeless mendicant, a rapist and the lowest breed of humanity," Miss Jackson wrote.

"Unless through sheer accident, no Negro picture is ever allowed to appear in any Hearst newspaper showing him in the light of achievement or merit."

"Every colored person in the United States who can read, see, or think, knows the expressed policy of William Randolph Hearst towards them and all other darker citizens of the country."

Miss Jackson berated certain so-called Negro leaders who, under the Hearst banner, would try to lead the great masses of the Negro people into support of reactionary politicians.

She called attention to the importance of supporting progressive candidates.

### One-Man Car Issue Brings Fireworks

LOS ANGELES. — The Board of Public Utilities' half-forgotten recommendation against one-man street cars brought fireworks when it finally came back to the City Council here.

Councilman Christensen roundly flayed fellow councilmen for failing to act against the L.A. Street Railways as provided for by recommendations made last July 10th.

The council defeated Christensen's motion that the public utilities committee deliver up the files on the recommendation, which would bar one-man cars from the central business district as a menace to public safety, but Councilman Brainard, committee chairman, was goaded into promising to deliver the files.

## LOS ANGELES DOES GOOD WEEK'S WORK IN RAISING FUND FOR C. P. CAMPAIGN

San Francisco Slumps; All Hands Needed To Turn To If People's Chest Is To Be Filled Before November 3rd

Really getting off the dime to raise funds for the Communist election campaign, Los Angeles turned in \$278.16 last week, its biggest total for a week thus far!

San Francisco comrades, who had been consistently leading in the drive to fill the People's Chest Against Reaction, fell away below their usual standard during the same period, only turning in \$42.20. Alameda County was also working below average speed, collecting \$49.65.

### Bearding the Vigilantes

Sonoma County may be the home of vigilantes, but this doesn't stop the Communist Party members and sympathizers from carrying on a real election campaign. Sonoma comrades collected \$27.50 to continue their good work.

San Jose collected \$17.33 last week, Tulare \$5, San Mateo, \$27.64, Redding \$5; Fort Bragg \$5, Contra Costa \$5, and Bakersfield \$8.50.

### Sprint to Nov. 3rd

Even Los Angeles, however, will have to sprint down the home stretch to raise the necessary funds before election day, November 3rd. In order to insure a rousing campaign to clinch Communist votes in the elections, all hands will have to turn to with enthusiasm and turn in their day's pay and sell out the \$5 collection coupon books.

All donations should be turned in to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco County Campaign Committee, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

Other Communist election broadcasts are as follows: Hear Ross and Ashe Monday, Oct. 19th—Harold J. Ashe, 14th Cong. Dist. candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 7:15-7:30 p. m.; Lawrence Ross, 5th Cong. Dist. candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd—Carl R. Patterson, 9th Cong. Dist. candidate, Fresno, KMFJ, 10:30 p. m.; Emma Cutler, 13th Cong. Dist. candidate, L. A., KMTR, 8:15 p. m.

Monday, Oct. 26th — Emil Freed, 57th A. D. candidate, L. A., KMTR, 7:15-7:30 p. m.; Archie Brown, 22nd A. D. candidate, S. F., KROW, 7:45-8 p. m.; E. L. Richardson, 20th Cong. Dist. candidate, San Diego, KFSD, 7:15 p. m.

Oct. 27th—Lloyd Harris, 6th Cong. Dist. candidate, Oakland, KRE, 6:15 p. m.

Oct. 28th—Alex Noral, 23rd A. D. candidate, S. F., KROW, 6:45 p. m.

State-Wide Broadcast Oct. 29th—Wm. Schneiderman, C. P. state secretary, state-wide hookup, KGO, S. F.; KECA, L. A.; and KFSD, San Diego, 7-7:15 p. m.; John L. Leech, 17th Cong. Dist. candidate, L. A., KMTR, L. A., 8-8:15 p. m.

Oct. 30th—"Mother" Bloor, national hookup, KPO, KFI, 7:45-8 p. m.; Charles McLaughlin, 19th Cong. Dist. candidate, San Bernardino, KFXM, 7:15-7:30 p. m.

Nov. 2nd—Earl Browder, national hookup, KGO, KECA, KFSD, 7:45-8 p. m.; Harold J. Ashe, 14th Cong. Dist. candidate, KMTR, L. A., 7:15-7:30 p. m.; Stanley Hancock, San Diego, C. P. organizer, KFSD, 7:15 p. m.

## Alas, It's Jail For U.S. Congressman Caught Grafting!

LOS ANGELES. — Alas, alas, John R. Hoepfel and his son Charles must go to jail for four months following refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to review their lower court conviction of conspiracy to sell a West Point appointment to James W. Ives, Baltimore athlete, for \$1000.

Hoepfel, once-upon-a-time congressman from the 12th district, was recently defeated while running on a strong Townsend platform.

## Young Communists Plan Election Dance

LOS ANGELES. — A youth election rally and dance will be staged by the Jack London Branch, Young Communist League, in support of the Communist election campaign on Friday night, October 23rd, at Brooklyn Hall, 2526 Brooklyn Ave.

Speakers will be Emma Cutler and Herbert Elstein, C.P. candidates in the 13th Congressional District and 52nd Assembly District, respectively. The City-Wide Drama Group and the Mandolin Club will entertain.

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### Youth Choose To Fight

COMMENTING on the case of a young unemployed girl recently found starving in San Francisco, a newspaper contrasts editorially this individual case, which because of attendant publicity resulted in many offers of jobs, to "the sullen demoralization of multitudes of jobless youth," whom the editorial writer refers to as mere "statistics."

These "statistics" are coming to life—in a determination to win education, vocational training and jobs.

The "sullen demoralization" has given way to organization behind the program of the American Youth Congress, for the passage of the Benson-Amie American Youth Act. This is the program which points the way out for the jobless Youth of America, which seeks to open the road to opportunity for the more than half million American youth pouring out of the schools and colleges each year.

Certainly the dramatization of individual cases resulting in the offers of jobs—as in the case of the San Francisco girl—cannot solve the grave problems faced by the youth of this country. She is one among millions. These millions must organize behind a united front of youth demands—such as is provided by the American Youth Congress.

The Community Party in this campaign supports the American Youth Act wholeheartedly. Its essentials are written into the Communist Party platform. Earl Browder, presidential candidate of the Communist Party, appealing to the Youth of America in a nation-wide radio hook-up last week, described the Declaration of Rights and the American Youth Act, both adopted by the American Youth Congress as "documents comparable to the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights."

What other road is offered the youth of America? Only that proposed by Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin—the road of Fascism, of the mobilization of youth into storm troops to be used against the working class.

The American Youth Congress is one of the main barriers keeping the Coughlin-Gerald Smith reactionaries from spreading their reactionary poison among the youth of this country.

We call upon all youth organizations not already affiliated to the American Youth Congress, to do so immediately.

We call upon all young people interested in their future, in the immediate victory of the forces of democracy over those of Fascism, to join that organization which is the driving force behind the task of building a powerful united youth movement—the Young Communist League.

We call upon all young voters to vote Communist November 3rd!

### Landon and the Unemployed

LANDON'S much heralded speech on how the Republican party proposes to solve the unemployment relief problem has been delivered—and the upshot of it is to be found in the following words: "It is not an easy problem. But it is a problem which can—and must—be solved." Not very encouraging.

His speech contains a theme song: a varied rendition of an attack on Roosevelt's use of relief administration to build up a political machine. We Communists are the last to say that Roosevelt's hands are clean in this respect. Roosevelt is a capitalist politician. Capitalist politicians build political machines to win or to retain office. The only reason Hoover hasn't been attacked for building a political machine around relief administration is because Hoover didn't administer relief.

The chief and significant note in Landon's address, hidden under a barrage leveled against the Roosevelt administration, was his stress upon the responsibilities of states and communities in solving the relief problem.

While he declares the Federal government must continue to give financial aid, through the states—he hints at certain conditions with which states would have to comply. The first of these, he declares, is that states would have to contribute a "fair proportion" of the total relief burden. What this "fair proportion" can be judged on the basis of Landon's continual cry of cutting down Federal relief funds, of balancing the budget. No matter how eloquently Landon tries to deny it, this means balancing the budget at the expense of the unemployed. It means placing most of the burden on states unable to cope with the situation. Already in this speech Landon has come out openly against the continuation of Federal Public Works projects for the unemployed!

A vote for Landon means a vote for starvation for the unemployed.

For jobs at trade union wages, for social security—vote Communist!

### For Freedom—Join The Communist Party!

EVERY READER of the Western Worker knows that that hour is a critical one. The Fascist forces are not asleep. With venomous hatred they direct their main fire against the labor movement, the progressive forces, and especially the Communist Party. They are determined to smash the organizations of the workers, destroy the democratic liberties of the people, outlaw the Communist Party and establish the barbarous rule of Fascism in America.

No time can be lost. The present moment demands heroic efforts in the fight against reaction. Every trade union, every progressive organization—all the people who stand for progress, liberty, peace and security—must unite in a broad American people's front—a Farmer Labor Party. Only such a path will effectively defeat the forces of reaction.

In this fight against reaction the first step is a strong and powerful Communist Party. It is the Communists who have fought most consistently against the Hearsts, Coughlins, Landons and those whom they represent. It is the Communists who have always been in the front ranks to organize the unorganized and build a powerful united American Federation of Labor, based on industrial unionism. It is the Communists who have defended the workers' rights to organize, strike and picket, the rights of free speech, assembly and the press. That is why the reactionaries shout "Communism" every time the workers begin to back up their fight for these elementary rights by organization and struggle.

If you stand for democracy, if you stand for the preservation of the civil liberties of the people, if you agree that man must be freed from exploitation and oppression of capital—your place is in our ranks.

Join the Communist Party and become an active fighter against Hearst-Liberty League reaction. Join the Communist Party and help build an American people's front against Fascism—a powerful Farmer-Labor Party. Join the Communist Party and help to bring about that day when the peoples of America will transform this glorious country of ours into a land of a free people—free from exploitation and oppression—a Soviet America.

### A "Society Reporter" Predicts

ACCORDING to Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., the "society reporter," the cabinet Governor Landon will select, in the event of his election, will include the following:

For Secretary of State: William Randolph Hearst.

For Secretary of Labor: Alfred E. Smith.

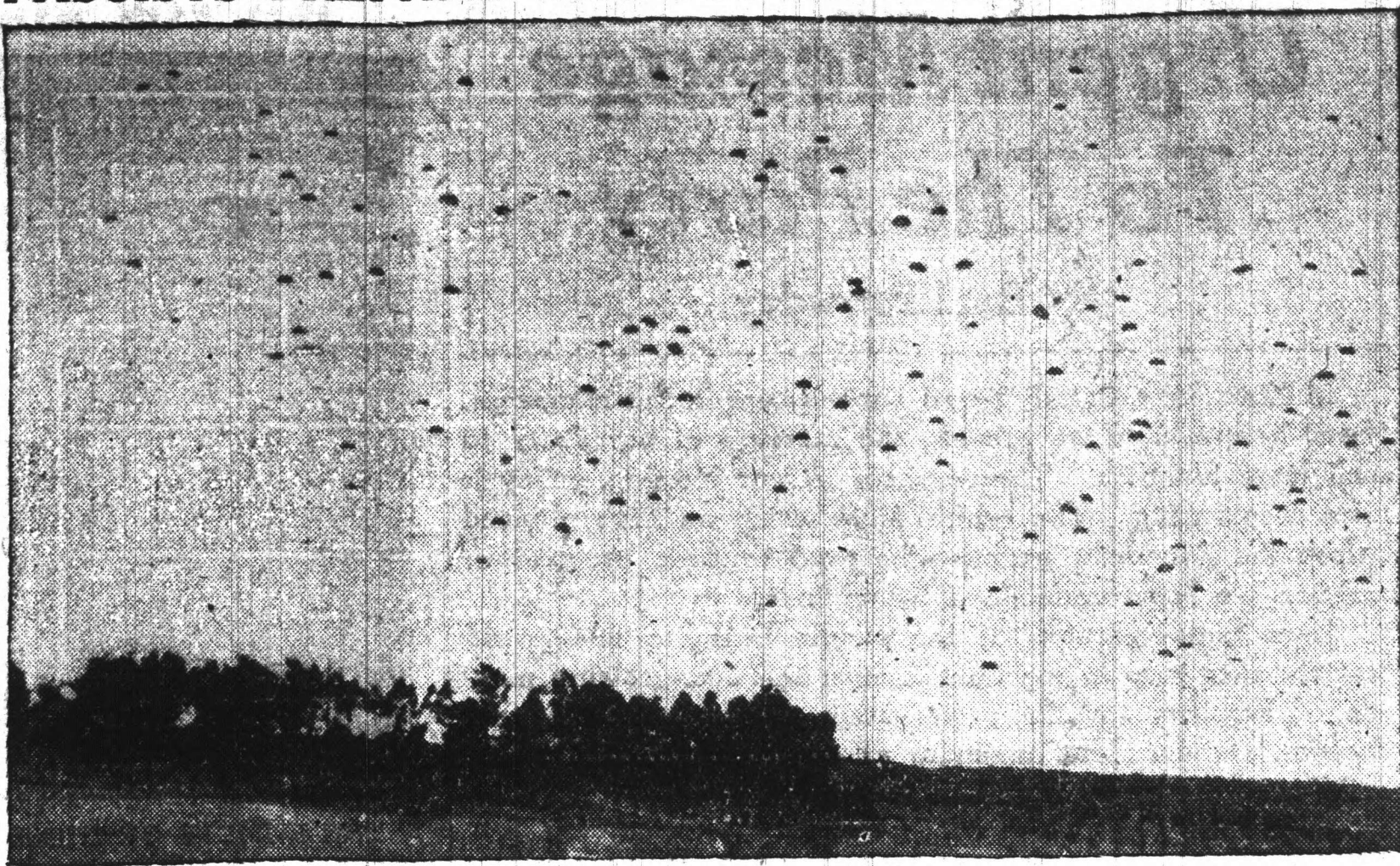
Whatever our personal opinion of "society reporters" such as Cornelius Jr. is, we must admit that perhaps he knows a thing or two.

Certainly Hearst, chief propagandist for Landon and chief press exponent of Fascism in America, would be excellently qualified to carry the anti-labor plans of the Republican administration into the arena of international affairs. We need only recall Hearst's responsibility for the sinking of the "Maine" and the Spanish-American war; his clamoring against the "Yellow Peril" and for war against Japan, his attempts to stir up war with Mexico, his current vicious attacks against the Soviet Union.

And just as certainly, Alfred E. Smith, political white-haired boy of the American Liberty League, could be counted upon to carry out the labor-smashing drive of his benefactors, the du Ponts, in the office of Secretary of Labor.

But it really isn't basically important whether or not these predictions by Vanderbilt are accurate. What we can be certain of is that no matter which persons are actually named to fill these posts in the cabinet should Landon be elected, the policies pursued would be those of Hearst and the Liberty League.

## FASCISTS PREPARE WAR—SOVIETS PREPARE DEFENSE



FASCIST WAR PREPARATIONS are aimed first of all at land where workers rule—the Soviet Union. The Soviet masses are prepared to defend their great achievements to the last drop of blood. Photo shows a thrilling new surprise tactic which will greet Nazis or Japanese imperialists should they try to invade the Soviet Union. A rain of parachutes falls from the sky as 1200 soldiers, carrying 10 machine guns and 18 light field pieces, drop to form their lines anew behind the "enemy's" lines after being carried 100 miles by aircraft.

## The Fight For Release Of Labor's Oldest Prisoners

James B. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt

A petition for pardon for James B. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt, imprisoned for life in California on murder charges in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion of 1910, signed by 48 prominent citizens, has been sent to Governor Frank J. Merriam.

The petition signers include trade union leaders, writers, officials, and members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Among those who initiated the petition were the late Lincoln Steffens and Clarence Darrow, who was counsel for McNamara at his trial in Los Angeles 25 years ago. Steffens was also involved in the defense at that time.

The following signatures besides those of the initiators, are affixed to the petition which was forwarded to Governor Merriam by registered airmail:

Thomas R. Amie (Prog.), Wisconsin; Newton Arvin, Instructor, Smith College; Samuel Baron, President, Bookkeepers' Stenographers, and Accountants' Union; Bruce Bliven, Editor, New Republic; Congressman Dr. Edwin Berry Burgum, Assistant Professor, N.Y. University; Usher L. Burdick (Rep.), N.D.; James B. Carey, Gen. Pres., U. Elec. and Radio W. of A.; Congressman Emanuel Celler (Dem.) N.Y.; John Coe, Gen. Pres., U. Ass. of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters; Elizabeth Cristman, Nat'l. Sec'y, Women's T.U. League; Frank W. Davis, Pres., Local 5, I.A.B.S. and O.I.W., Washington, D.C.; Prof. John Dewey, Columbia University; Theodore Dreiser, Writer; David Dubinsky, Pres., Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers Union; Congressman Matthew A. Dunn (Dem.), Pa.; Dr. Frederick B. Fisher, Central M. E. Church, Detroit, Mich.; John Fitzpatrick, Pres., Chicago Fed. of Labor; Ben Gold, Man., Furriers' Joint Council, N.Y.; Francis J. Gorman, First V. Pres., United Textile Workers of America; Hoyt S. Haddock, Pres., American Radio, Telegraphists Ass.; Charles J. Hendley, Pres., Teachers Union; Sidney Hillman, Pres., Amal. Clothing W. of A.; Julius Hockman, Vice Pres., Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers Union; Jules Korchein, Nat'l. Sec'y, Fed. of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians; Lewis E. Clair Lewis, Writer, Vermont; Lawes, Warden, Sing Sing; Sin W. D. Mahon, Int'l. Pres., Amal. Ass. of Street, Elec. Ry. and Motor Coach Employees of A.; Congressman Vito Marcantonio (Rep.), N.Y.; Frank X. Martel, Pres., Detroit and Wayne Co. Fed. of Labor; Congressman Maury Maverick (Dem.), Texas; Thomas F. McMahon, Int'l. Pres., U. Textile W. of A.; E. N. Ockels, Sec'y, Chicago Fed. of Labor; Senator Gerald P. Nye (Rep.), N.D.; Hon. Caroline O'Day (Dem.), N.Y.; Julia Peterkin, Writer, S.C.; Amos Pinchot, Counselor at Law New York; Henry W. Ralston, Sec. Cleveland Fed. of Labor; Dr. M. Schlauch, Ass. Prof., N.Y. University; Upton Sinclair, Writer, Calif.; Congressman William I. Sirovich, M.C. (Dem.), N.Y.; Rev. William B. Spofford, Church League for Ind. Democracy (Episcopal); Oswald Garrison Villard, Editor, The Nation; Louis Weinstein, Sec'y, Treas., Dist. Council 8, Bro. of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of A.; Dr. Mary E. Woolley, Pres., Mt. Holyoke College; Max Zaritsky, Pres., Un. Hatters, Cap. and Millinery Workers Int'l. Union.

The petition follows: The petition is the first formal move made for the freedom of the two labor prisoners since their conviction. In point of years, McNamara and Schmidt are the oldest labor prisoners in the world. They have served 25 and 21 years respectively. During that time, Mrs. Herriek said, every prison in the world has been cleared of labor and political prisoners at one time or another through general amnesties, or individual releases and pardons, except San Quentin, where these two men have been confined until a year ago when McNamara was removed to Folsom Penitentiary at Redwood City, California. Schmidt is still in San Quentin.

The petition, after reciting the circumstances of the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, discusses the plea of "guilty" entered by McNamara: "At the time of the trial growing out of the dynamiting of the Times Building an agreement was arrived at between the prosecution and the defense that J. B. McNamara should plead guilty to murder occasioned by the dynamiting of the Times building and that J. B. McNamara should plead guilty to the dynamiting of the Llewellyn Iron Works. It was further agreed that J. B. McNamara should be paroled at the end of seven years and that J. B. McNamara should be paroled at the end of three years and three months. It was further agreed that there should be no prosecution of any of the other alleged conspirators and particularly that Matthew A. Schmidt and Dave Caplin should never be persecuted if they remained out of the state of California. The agreement was broken almost at once by Judge Walter Boardman who sentenced J. B. McNamara to fifteen years in the penitentiary. The agreement was kept by the then District Attorney John D. Fredericks so long as he was in office. When Fredericks was defeated by Thomas Lee Woolwine for the office of district attorney, the latter, regarding the promise made by his predecessor, and in cooperation with W. J. Burns, brought Dave Caplin back from Washington and tried and convicted him of manslaughter. He was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary and served the full term of six years and six months. Matthew Schmidt was brought back from New York, tried for murder, sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary and has now served twenty-one years.

"J. B. McNamara has never asked for parole to which he is entitled under the agreement as a result of which he pleaded guilty, since he feels that to do so would be a violation of his duty towards Schmidt who was never to be prosecuted if the McNamaras pleaded guilty."

The petition closes: "As neither of these defendants had the slightest intent or desire to take life and have paid by their many years of imprisonment (25 in the case of McNamara - 21 in the case of Schmidt) we submit that both released. Measured by prevailing standards the punishment of McNamara and Schmidt has already been extremely severe. Since the turn of the century there have been many sharp troubles including great violence between capital and labor in various countries and tens of thousands of workers have been imprisoned in consequence; but none have suffered such long imprisonment as the two men in question. Though one search all over the world one cannot find another prisoner who has been imprisoned for his labor activity for such a long period as

have J. B. McNamara and M. A. Schmidt.

Governor Frank J. Merriam, Sacramento, California, Your Excellency:

We, the undersigned, American citizens in various walks of life herewith petition you to grant a full pardon to James B. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt who are now serving life sentences in Folsom and San Quentin Penitentiaries for participation in causing an explosion in the Los Angeles Times Building in 1910, during a bitterly fought metal trades strike in Los Angeles and vicinity.

Not Criminals These men are not criminals who ruthlessly sought their own personal gain at the cost of society; they are trade unionists, both members of the American Federation of Labor.

Their participation in the Los Angeles strike, in line with their leading objective in life was to improve the working and living conditions, not only of themselves and their families, but of all their fellow trade unionists. The explosion for which they were imprisoned occurred during one of the most acute struggles between capital and labor in American history. Hard blows were being struck on both sides and both had recourse to violence. At the time, the situation in Los Angeles was widely characterized in the daily press as one bordering on civil war.

It was during the waging of this combat against the forces opposing betterment of wage earners of Los Angeles that the Times explosion was planned. The Los Angeles Times was one of the most bitter opponents of labor organizations in the United States, and was sparing no effort to keep Los Angeles an open shop city. It daily engaged in making, most bitter attacks against the labor leaders of the State, and in distorting and maligning the whole of the organized labor movement of the entire country.

In their capacity as strike organizers, James B. McNamara of the Typographical Union and Matthew A. Schmidt of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America secured by name in Northern California James B. McNamara took some of this dynamite to Los Angeles and placed a small charge of it behind some barrels of ink in the vehicle tunnel way which ran from the street through the Times building. The dynamite without any metal casing or metal slugs of any kind was placed in an ordinary suitcase timer to explode at 1:00 A.M. Saturday morning when the building would normally be vacant except for the operation of the press in the basement.

McNamara could never have thought that the discharge of this small package of dynamite would cause the loss of human life. His purpose was to cause a large detonation, attract public notice and call public attention to the vicious hostility of the Times toward the working class.

Different Attitude In those days the principles of the class struggle were not as well understood as today and dynamiting of property was accepted as one method of fighting organized wealth. The workers felt that such violence as was illustrated by Haymarket and Homestead and Paint and Cabin Creek (and which was later to be illustrated by Ludlow) could only be met by violence. Workers did not then understand that mass action, mass picketing are the proper weapons

## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

### Is Roosevelt Going Left?

AS THOUGH IN ANSWER to the arguments against a Farmer-Labor Party by some Epics and trade-unionists, that Roosevelt would go to the left after the elections, two items of great significance were recently published in the press. One is by a political commentator from Washington, D. C., reporting that Roosevelt is planning to "balance the budget" by 1937 or 1938, and one of the main items in the budget-balancing will be a one-third reduction in the already-inadequate relief appropriations.

A second item is the announcement of the New York Times, most important capitalist newspaper in America, that it supports President Roosevelt for re-election because it believes he will follow more conservative policies in the next four years.

Which only proves the Communist Party's analysis, that in the fight to defeat reaction, the workers cannot rely on Roosevelt because he surrenders to pressure from the Right. In order to build up the necessary mass pressure from the Left, to stop Roosevelt's retreat and force more concessions for Labor, a Farmer-Labor party is needed. Independent political action by labor, the farmers, and the city middle-classes—an American People's Front—is the only means to guarantee the defeat of the pro-Fascist forces in America.

### Labor's Non-Partisan League

Fifteen or more international unions of the A.F.L. have gone on record during the past year for a Labor party or Farmer-Labor party. But no Farmer-Labor party was formed on a national scale because the trade unions who favor independent political action are supporting Roosevelt in the presidential elections.

It would be a serious mistake, however, to draw the conclusion from this that there is no need to build the movement for a Farmer-Labor party NOW. Even among the trade union leaders who support Roosevelt, there is a growing realization that NOW is the time to prepare for 1938 and 1948; this is an indirect and tacit admission that reliance on Roosevelt is no assurance that Fascism will not eventually win out.

Labor's Non-Partisan League was formed at the initiative of the industrial-union bloc as a permanent national organization which recognizes the need for independent political action and is looking ahead to future local, state, and national elections. Its New York state section has formed itself into the "American Labor Party," which already has an affiliated membership of 500,000 trade unionists in that state. Even those forces in the trade-unions that stand to the left of Roosevelt, and that favored an independent national ticket this year, joined forces with the American Labor Party because they see in it an important forward step for the labor movement, in breaking with the traditional "non-partisan" stand of the A.F.L. leadership, and laying the basis for genuine independent political action by labor in the near future.

The Communists agree with such a step, even though we do not support Roosevelt. We see in it a means of getting the supporters of Roosevelt to develop mass pressure upon him and his policies, to stop his retreat. We see in it a step, although not a sufficient one, in the direction of a Farmer-Labor party. Yes, we make a united front with the workers who support Roosevelt.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party conducts its independent campaign for its presidential and state ticket to further crystallize that movement, and because we cannot accept the responsibility for Roosevelt and his policies, some of which are concessions to the pressure from his reactionary opponents. By such an independent role, the Communist Party is playing an influential part in the fight to defeat Landon and the pro-Fascist forces he represents.

### What To Do In California

The movement for a Farmer-Labor party must be strengthened in California, especially in the trade unions. Trade-unionists should disregard and repudiate the false claim by opponents of a Labor party, that it would help elect Landon; on the contrary, it would help defeat Landon, and strengthen the labor movement for the struggles to come, both on the economic and political field. The battle-against reaction will not be over after the elections; it will just begin.

Among the Epics, the movement for the building of a Farmer-Labor party after the elections, is being carried on through the State Continuations Committee for United Political Action, elected at their recent September conference. But this movement has paid too little attention to the trade-unions, and still underestimates the role of the labor movement as the MAIN BASE of a Farmer-Labor party.

The progressive forces in the trade unions have been too timid and vacillating on the question of independent political action. The Communists and other left-wing elements in the trades unions share the responsibility for this situation. Not enough education has been carried on in the unions to show the workers that economic struggles and gains cannot be successful and lasting unless reinforced by independent working-class political action. It is a short-sighted view, and one which will react to the detriment of the unions' strength, to see only the need for militant struggle on the economic field against employer-banker interests, and to strengthen those same interests against which the unions are fighting, by supporting capitalist political parties and their candidates.

There exists in many cities and counties throughout California, not only a strong sentiment for independent political action, but the beginnings of organization in that direction. Trade Union Committees for the promotion of a Labor party; trade union political clubs or Farmer-Union clubs; at least 100 local unions on record for a Farmer-Labor party. There is also an attempt being made to organize Labor's Non-Partisan League in this state. The progressives in the trade-unions should actively support and participate in such organization.

Municipal elections are coming in 1937; state and Congressional elections in 1938. The State Legislature opens next January. There is no time to be lost in organizing the forces of labor, the farmers and the city middle-class for a united front in these elections. The putting forward of Labor Tickets in next spring's municipal elections requires the groundwork to be laid NOW. The building of a Farmer-Labor party in California is the most vital task of the labor movement, if the forces of reaction are to be defeated.

with which they must fight to improve their economic condition.

As has been said, the bomb was timed to explode at one A.M. Saturday morning when it was anticipated that the building would be empty except for the press operators. The explosion did not stop the press in the basement underneath the place where the dynamite was left, and no pressman was killed. The explosion ignited the oil in the ink and in a very short time a building, a veritable fire-trap, as it turned out to be, was in flames. Faulty gas connections were hooked up to the linotype machines, became disconnected and the gas pouring from these connections contributed to the conflagration.

Many non-union workers forced by low wages to work overtime were at the hour of the explosion engaged in getting out certain supplemental sections of the following Sunday's edition of the Times. Due to the unexpected development of the fire resulting from the igniting of the oil and the gas some of these workers were trapped and unhappily lost their lives. The deaths resulting from the fire, were entirely accidental.

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## People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

(Continuing the series on the health and illnesses of factory workers, written jointly with Dr. Z. Klein.)

### Shoe Manufacturing Brings Many Diseases To Thousands

THE SHOE INDUSTRY, which employs 250,000 working men, 10,000 children under sixteen years of age, furnishes injuries to thousands, and sickness to a great many more. According to Dr. Sternberg, "heart diseases are unusually common among shoe workers, also scabies, flat feet, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, and intestinal diseases." In the cutting department, the workers are subject to injuries of the hands. In the lasting department, mercury and wood alcohol are used, also shellac and benzene poisoning takes place. The workers handling these chemicals, being exposed to leather dust, lint, shellac, and other gases, suffer a great deal from lung diseases.

Modernizing machinery in the shoe industry did not decrease the hazards and the diseases therein. On the contrary, the speedup system, particularly with children under sixteen years of age, is breaking down their youthful lungs and preparing them for a future condition of tuberculosis. Shall we mention the two martyrs that paid with their lives for attempting to organize the shoe industry, Sacco and Vanzetti?



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

### Workers In Printing Trades Suffer

Mainly From Lead Poisoning and Tuberculosis

THE PRINTING INDUSTRY employs 75,000 workers, of which number 28 per cent are women and over 15,000 are boys and girls under 16 years of age. It is a known fact that printers furnish a high death rate. Out of 27 occupations tabulated by the Census Bureau, printers take a leading place in the number of deaths from tuberculosis.

Every form of printing entails dangers to health, the dust from type metal, type founding, type setting contain lead, arsenic which destroy the fine fibers of lung tissue and prepare them for infection from tuberculosis. Printers suffer from tuberculosis, lead poisoning, digestive diseases, and nervousness. Those who stand at their work are subject to flat feet, varicose veins, varicose ulcers, eczema of the hands from the turpentine, benzene and other chemicals in removing printer's ink. Night work in the printers' industry is very harmful to the eyes.

It is true that printers are better organized than many other industries, but their shops are usually unclean, unsanitary, have insufficient light and air, are damp and are unprotected against printers' dust or chemicals. In spite of the present organization the workers pay a big price with their health and lives.

## Women on the March

By MARY GARFIELD

LADIES, GALS AND WOMEN: put on your dust caps, roll up your sleeves and let's go. We've got to get into that City Hall and find out what else they've got down there besides \$15,000 worth of tear gas that they don't know a thing about. Women always do the housecleaning. After all, you can't leave everything to the boys. Good gracious, there might be something down there that would go off and hurt Mr. Rossi. Or Mr. Quinn might step on a box of caps, and be awfully frightened!

We don't want a dirty place like that full of devil's brew, in SAN FRANCISCO, the city that knows how and HOW!

She knows the sins of commission and the sins of omission. She commits herself to \$15,000 worth of poison gas and omits to keep any record as to how she acquired it.

SANTA CLAUS must have dropped it down the chimney last Christmas.

I have in mind one elderly gentleman who'd look right smart cute in a Santa Claus costume. He's a strict churchman and he ought to know the whole tradition of the Bethlehem Babe whose life was a forfeit, in those far off days, to the cause of those who were exploited and abused. On the market today, Bethlehem Steel closes higher than Bethlehem Babe.

### And the Schools Need Attention, Too

WHILE WE ARE at the house cleaning job, we had better go into the school yards and the class rooms.

We hear a hell of a lot about child psychology in our schools these days. The harm that is done to the mind in formation, etc. Yet the children of waterfront men have got to listen to some pinhead teacher make cracks about "REDS" being responsible for the entire waterfront situation today. "NO! LADY TEACHER, hear ye, if you happen to read a real newspaper: it isn't 'Reds,' it's intelligence, it's human dignity, it's determination and courage. It's the place in the onward march in the history of mankind, where those who have built, raise their heads in pride of their achievement.

The school yard is another Red-baiting spot. Here the children have to fight it out. Let some child make a report on Russia through a class assignment (which I admit is very rare, but it does happen), and she or he is often on the spot in the school yard. He's a dirty Communist, he ought to be ashamed of himself to get up and talk about a country like Russia. On and on it will go just like the Hearst front page from which these poor kids get their minds polluted.

We women are going after these things and we are going to put a stop to them. These are our schools, we pay the teachers to teach. They are not there for propaganda purposes. We pay the Board of Education, we pay Mr. Rossi and Mr. Quinn to run this city the way we want it run. It's our sweat, not Mr. Crockery's whiskers, that should control this beautiful city by the Golden Gate.

### After the Fish Strike Is Won

SOME DAY when we can eat it, try this: Take a potato apiece for each member of the family, and one onion for each four potatoes, peel and slice. To this you add a couple of pounds of fish, like cod, halibut, salmon or bass. You can get it awfully cheap, because you just need scraps. My butcher used to save the trimmings for me sometimes when he fixed up the big fish in the mornings. The heads are good and the bones won't get out. Cover the whole mess of potatoes, onions and fish with water and cook until the potatoes are done. Remove your fish, and look over carefully for bones and return to potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Add a pint of milk, and serve.

## ACCENT ON YOUTH

By EVELYN JAMES

THE Chronicle ran a story about a starving girl found in an Oakland hotel, too weak even to talk. She was 18. She had left Salem, Oregon, a month ago, with \$25, and come to California to find work. "I have sisters and brothers—my folks have enough to take care of up there." That's the kind of incident we would write up. But we'd do it in a very different way from the Chronicle.

"The girl was dying," said the Chronicle. "Dying from starvation—dying within a stone's throw of a dozen restaurants. Dying with the odor of food wafting through her hotel room. But no one knew it." . . . "And so Marna Hansen, 18, theatre usherette, Oregon girl, came back from the brink of the grave to food, warmth, care and understanding." . . . to plead, "Don't tell my folks—I don't want them to know. I can make good—I know I can. I'm not licked."

Touching little story, isn't it? In spite of the fact that Marna Hansen, 18, nearly died in an Oakland hotel, all's right with the world. She almost starved to death, not because she was waste material in an economic system which has no place for 8 million young American people, but because, says the Chronicle, "No one knew it."

As soon as society found out about it, they carried her to a hospital—"easy there, fella, easy on that end; no, down easy"—brought her "back from the brink of the grave to food, warmth, care and understanding." The Chronicle readers don't need to feel bad because now that society knows about it, Marna will be taken care of. What's more, the girl has courage. "I can make good, I know I can. I'm not licked yet."

UT readers had better feel bad enough to work hard on measures which will take care of American youth of the generation they call "lost." Because, after the Chronicle had its reassuring little sob story about her, and the hospital had turned her loose—then what is Marna going to do? How make good? There are 8 million of us who want to make good with our lives, and we can't go to school, we can't get jobs. How can we make good?

American youth who want to make good, who see how little chance they have to do so if they have no work, no education, no vocational training, are working for the American Youth Act. If the pressure of a generation which refuses to be lost can force the passage of this Act in Congress, all needy American people will be able to go to school, to learn a trade, to work for trade union wages on useful youth projects. Marna will be able to find a job. The 8 million of us who at present neither work nor go to school, will get jobs or education.

If American young people don't want to go on rotting with in a stone's throw of jobs and schools, they must act themselves. They can't wait for society to find it out with a burst of tenderness and solicitude, because society knows damn well that American youth is rotting in idleness and poverty. American youth, like Marna, is courageous, but it has a more grounded optimism. "We aren't licked. We're going to pass the American Youth Act."

## Workers' School Opens Nov. 9th In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—With perhaps the finest staff of instructors in its history and its most complete curriculum, the Los Angeles Workers' School has announced that its fall term will begin November 9.

The term will run for 10 weeks, ending January 15, with classes from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuition for employed is \$1 and \$50 for unemployed for the complete course.

Prospective students are urged to register as soon as possible to assure themselves a place on the rapidly filling rolls.

The address of the Los Angeles Workers' School is 230 1/2 So. Spring St.

### "A BLOW TO UNITY"

NEW YORK—The Joint Council of Boot and Shoe Workers here calls the C.I.O. suspension "a blow to the unity of organized labor."

### FOR A.F.L. REFERENDUM

NEW YORK—Local 100, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, calls for a referendum of A.F.L. members on the C.I.O. suspension.

## MADRID CARES FOR ITS CHILDREN



FATHERS AND EVEN MOTHERS are away at the front fighting to save democracy from the Fascists, but the kids aren't forgotten. Here we see volunteer workers serving them their lunch in Madrid.

## POLITICAL POT BUBBLES IN L.A. Capitalist Factions Are Sparring

By JAMES G. CRANE

DESPITE the fall campaigns, the undercover political situation in Los Angeles is quiet. Locally attention is centered upon the Los Angeles mayoralty race next spring, while in partisan politics two Republican factions and three Democratic cliques are marking time before resuming their fight for control.

Liberal Democrats under the leadership of Supervisor John Anson Ford, chairman of the Democratic county central committee, have accepted a temporary truce offered by the dominating Neblett-McAdoo faction.

Under the terms of the truce, Ford's county central committee has accepted offices in the headquarters maintained by the McAdoo-selected Roosevelt campaign committee, but the national campaign will continue to be carried on by the McAdoo group, under authorization of Farley and Roosevelt. The truce is expected to last until election day, after which open warfare is expected.

Ham Cotton, leader of the reactionary Democratic group and bitter rival of Col. Wm. Neblett, McAdoo's law partner, for control of the "regular" Democrats, appears to be sitting back and reading with relish reports that McAdoo's health is growing steadily worse. Governor Merriam is said to have promised Cotton the appointment as senator if McAdoo should be kind enough to die.

### The Fight for Control

Although technically control of the party as a result of their dominance over patronage, the McAdoo-Neblett group is secretly much concerned over the increased strength of the Ford (right-wing Epic) bloc and is taking steps to build up a rival "liberal" organization immediately after the elections. This group will include a number of state and county committeemen who can be bought with federal jobs and who will lend the use of their names in setting up a liberal bloc to challenge Ford's leadership. The Neblett men may also start a "liberal" weekly or take over one already in existence.

### Republicans

THE Republican party is split into two factions, one supporting Merriam and the other backing Earl Warren, district attorney of Alameda county. Despite his control of patronage, Merriam seems definitely to have lost influence in his party until it now seems certain that he will fail to receive the Republican nomination in 1938.

The present recall against Merriam (despite what you hear to the contrary) was started by Warren and his ally, Lieut. Gov. George Hatfield, with the assistance of certain Southern California financial interests. The object was not to effect a recall at this time, but to emphasize to other Republicans the fact that Merriam was a sinking ship and that they'd better go aboard the Warren craft.

The strategy was successful, largely because of the manner in which certain liberal leaders, including Raymond Haight, rushed to the support of the recall movement in the hope that the gubernatorial lightning might strike them. Although the recall itself seems definitely dead, you'll find the Warren crowd in control of almost every Republican key position in Southern California.

### The Mayor

BEHIND the district attorney campaign is a lot of wild jockeying as to who will be the reform candidate for mayor next spring. Potential candidates are Mayor Shaw, Supervisor Gordon

## Theater Union To Give 'Black Pit' In Oakland Aud.

San Francisco Theatre Union will present the powerful labor play "Black Pit" Saturday evening, October 17th, at the Oakland Auditorium. The performance is a benefit sponsored by the Machinist Auxiliary No. 97 and the I.L.A. Auxiliary No. 7. Short introductory talks will be given by Harry Bridges and James Smith.

The Theatre Union has recently produced before capacity audiences such plays as "Waiting for Lefty," "Peace on Earth," "Till the Day I Die," and "Bury the Dead." These plays forcefully and honestly dealt with such issues as labor unions, fascism, and war.

"Black Pit" is the story of labor's fight to organize in the coal fields of West Virginia. Written by Albert Maltz, co-author of "Peace on Earth," has been acclaimed as one of the most stirring labor plays ever written.

A militant young worker trying to organize the men is framed by the use of a dictaphone and forced to appear as a stool pigeon. The play works to a powerful climax where the men finally organize into a real union. Maltz has written with rare insight and force.

Tickets for the Oct. 17th performance may be purchased through the unions or at the door. The time is 8:15 sharp.

## Labor School To Teach Social and Political Classes

SAN FRANCISCO—Thorough courses in labor and social subjects will be available to the public here with the opening of the fall term of the Progressive Labor School at 3490 Mission street.

Competent teachers will conduct the classes on a plan which includes home study, lectures and group discussion during which every student will be given opportunity to express his views and raise questions.

Classes in Political Economy and the Principles of Marxism will begin on Monday, October 26. A class on Trade Unionism and another on "Democracy or Fascism?" begin on Tuesday, October 27. History of the American Labor Movement and Parliamentary Procedure start Wednesday, October 28. A Current Events class and a course on the Soviet Union start Friday, October 30.

Registrations are already being taken at the school office which is open every day from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Tuition for each course is \$1.50, if employed, and 50 cents if unemployed.

## Warden Orders Wilson to Design Clubs For Police

The latest indignity attempted against a labor prisoner by the authorities at San Quentin penitentiary, past-masters at provocation, is an order given to Martin Wilson, criminal syndicalism prisoner, to draft plans and designs for police nightstickers. Martin Wilson, sentenced to 5 years in the famous Sacramento case, was organizer of the International Labor Defense of the city at the time of his arrest. He categorically refused to carry out the prison order, and reprisals are expected against him from Warden Court Smith.

This was revealed by Rose Barton, secretary of the Prisoners' Relief Fund of the I.L.D., who pointed out the lesson in this experience in connection with the drive conducted by the I.L.D. to secure enactment of legislation establishing a special status and corresponding privileges for labor and political prisoners.

Special discrimination against labor prisoners in San Quentin reported at the same time by Miss Barton include refusal of the prison authorities to give the prisoners even simple letters of transmittal accompanying money-orders from the Prisoners' Relief Fund; cutting down of visiting hours for labor prisoners from the regular hour to one-half hour, and making all their visitors go to the Warden's office for cross-examination. No other prisoners are subjected to this discrimination.

### BIG AUTO UNION DRIVE

DETROIT—In preparation for a big organization drive the United Automobile Workers Union is establishing six regional branch offices outside of Detroit.

### CAL COUNCIL HITS SPLIT

MODESTO—The Stanislaus County Labor Council is on record condemning the suspension of the 10 unions affiliated with the C.I.O.

## Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

### THE COMMODITY VALUE OF PATRIOTISM

PATRIOTISM is the most loudly professed virtue of the Waterfront Employers' Association, the Industrial Association, and their counterpart organizations on a national and international scale. They never weary of praising and flattering themselves on this "noble" quality. Every official utterance or document issuing from these bodies is strongly flavored with patriotic sentiment, and they all maintain active propaganda bureaus for the furtherance of "Americanism."

The motives for this nationalistic fervor go beyond love of country and are based on very practical reasoning. Since the World War, their patriotic activities have netted them in excess of 708 million dollars, for which they have had to expend practically no effort, service or value. (Based on the conservative estimate of Postmaster General Farley.)

From this it is apparent that patriotism has proven an even more profitable enterprise than bonafide shipping.

In a previous column I described how immediately AFTER the war, on the advice of the shipowners, the U. S. Government built 2,000 merchant vessels at a cost of more than three billion dollars; and how, on further advice of the shipowners, all but 220 of them were scrapped without ever having sailed the seas; and how these 220 vessels were ultimately sold to the shipowners for ten cents on the dollar.

The ability to purchase finished ships at scrap-iron costs accounts for only a fraction of the shipowners' patriotic revenue. Thanks to a very efficient publicity campaign, co-ordinated with vigorous lobbying in Washington, a Merchant Marine Act was passed in 1920 which endowed the shipowners with a gift of \$5,188,012.66 out of the public treasury. The purposes of the subsidy were stated to be: (1) to ensure transportation of American goods at reasonable costs, (2) to provide a fleet of naval auxiliaries, (3) to give employment to American workmen.

The funds were delivered without any government supervision of their disposal and were promptly withdrawn by the shipowners in the form of extravagant bonuses, profits and salaries. The carefully confirmed facts of a recent Senate investigation reveal that neither the quality of maritime service nor the conditions of the crews benefited any from this endowment.

Continued publicity and lobbying resulted in the passage of the phenomenal Jones-White Act of 1928 which endowed private shipping with public gifts of such magnitude and variety that calculation of an exact total of how much it has netted them to date is impossible.

This legislation awarded forty-four contracts for the carrying of American mail and included annual subsidies amounting to more than \$27,500,000.

In addition to these other forms of "industrial doles," the beneficent Jones-White Act created a \$250,000,000 revolving fund out of which private shipowners may borrow funds for the construction of new vessels at very low rates of interest. The Dollar Line, for example, was able to borrow \$10,575,000 partly at one per cent and partly at one-fourth of one per cent. Loans of this trivial cost are available for 75 per cent of the construction cost of any vessel the shipowners may wish to build.

### The Gov't Paid the Shipowners to Raise Seamen's Living Standard; But Did They?

THESE HUGE SUMS of money were handed to the shipowners for the express purpose of "maintaining a high standard of living for American seamen." The findings of the very conservative Senate Committee investigation reveal that the subsidies never reached the seamen in the form of benefits, but were diverted into the pockets of the shipowners. As a matter of fact, immediately after receiving these subsidies, the shipowners reduced wages.

The Committee report further states: "The rate of pay of American seamen is generally higher than that paid by foreign nations, but in view of the many benefits provided for foreign seamen, which are not received by American seamen, it is doubtful if the actual compensation received by the American seaman is greater than that received abroad."

If we also consider the much higher cost of living in America, we would come to the conclusion that the real wages of American seamen were less than those of foreign seamen.

All in all, the Senate Committee was unable to find any function performed by the subsidies other than to provide a pleasant and effortless source of revenue to swell the personal fortunes of the shipping magnates. Profits, bonuses and executive salaries were revealed as literally fabulous.

Much as this may appear a contravention of human decency, it did not, however, constitute any transgression of the law or reveal the slightest illegal duplicity on behalf of the shipowners. Though numerous intentions were voiced mutually by government and operators as to the purposes of the endowments, no dictation was included as to how the shipowners should or should not dispose of the funds. It was left entirely to their discretion, and they deemed themselves deserving.

New legislation has now been enacted providing for the distribution of \$100,000,000 in subsidies among the private shipping companies. The Federal Maritime Board has been set up to supervise the scattering of this largesse.

### What Will the Maritime Commission Do With the New Subsidy?

THIS NEW SUBSIDY is a key-note in the present waterfront dispute. The demands of the unions are fair and reasonable. The employers are very well able to pay them. The alleged purpose of the new subsidy is to see to it that the shipowners CAN pay decent wages.

It is up to the maritime unions to see to it that EVERY DOLLAR of that \$100,000,000 subsidy reaches the maritime workers in the form of better wages and working conditions. They must demand an accounting from the Federal Maritime Board for every cent of the taxpayers' money. It is the business of the unions to know where that money goes and what it is used for.

The shipping companies are government subsidized and therefore public concerns. It wouldn't be such a bad idea for the maritime unions to demand "joint control" of the employers' "profit halls." It would be an excellent thing to see the salaries and working hours of the employers regulated according to agreement with the unions. Why not put time-clocks in their offices and check up on them? Some of them draw as much as \$500,000 a year.

What sort of thing can a man do that is worth \$500,000 a year to his employers? And never forget, YOU are their employers. They are subsidized out of the public treasury.

## FRISCO SPAIN RALLY OCTOBER 21

SAN FRANCISCO — Protest against the Fascist war on Spain will be voiced in three languages at a protest meeting under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism Wednesday, Oct. 21st, at the California Spanish Society Hall, Poll and Broadway. Speakers in English, Spanish and Italian are announced.

The League will continue the campaign for funds for the Spanish people, according to Paul M. Reid, executive secretary, although the \$100,000 pledged by Labor's Red Cross for Spain has already been raised. Of this amount the League in San Francisco has already given \$3,000. Reid pointed out that even though the \$100,000 has been raised through the participation of the labor movement and numerous other organizations interested in the defense of democracy, the need is even greater today than at any time since the beginning of the Spanish Fascist insurrection.



# FASCISTS IN PLOT AGAINST FRENCH GOVT.

## Blum Govt. Slow To Act To Crush Pro-Hitler Forces

PARIS—The French Fascists are mobilizing for an uprising on the Spanish border late this fall, plotting to duplicate the bloody attack upon democracy that Franco and Mola committed in Spain.

And they are duplicating Franco's tactics as most suitable for their ends, tightening their grip on French Morocco.

### Would Repeat Spain

Reliable reports from London state:

"It must be stated that today, not only in Morocco but elsewhere, indications that a similar putsch from the Right (to that in Spain) is contemplated during this autumn are at least as numerous. To declare on the strength of these indications—which in the Spanish case prevailed—that a Right attack on the French democracy is an inevitable event before Christmas would be premature."

### Nazis Finance "Coup" Plot

The Communist Party of France has repeatedly exposed the fact that the Nazis are flooding money in torrents in to the Croix de Feu Fascist organization, or, as it is now known, the French "Social Party," of Colonel de la Rocque.

Arms are being shipped from Switzerland and Germany to the French Fascists. L'Humanite, organ of the C.P. of France, has printed proof of more than 100 instances of arms caches by the fascists.

How far recent government raids on the Croix de Feu will go in impeding the plot is yet to be seen. The Blum government moves much too slowly, and the Socialist Premier only acted at all after strongest pressure from the Co-ordination Committee of the Communist and Socialist Parties.

### Just Like Franco Did

Despite the belated removal of Governor Peyrou, French army officers have been openly recruiting Moorish troops for a march on Paris, and are using the "Heil Hitler" salute more and more.

Actions of some of the Radical-Socialist ministers in the Blum government, if continued, become the greatest threat of all. L'Humanite points to the worst example of this. Minister of the Navy Gasnier-Dupare, Radical Socialist, appointed Admiral Darlan—a notorious Fascist—as chief of the French Admiralty.

A Radical-Socialist supposedly cooperating with the Blum government puts the French navy in the hands of a Fascist!

### C.P. Warns

Jacques Duclos wrote the following warning in the name of the C.P. of France, even before the raids on the Croix de Feu: "The example of the Spanish rebels and the complicity from which they are benefiting can only encourage the men of February 6th, for whom the terrorist attack at Vienna, which cost the life of the Young Communist Daniel Liaces, is only a sort of prelude to action on a larger scale."

"It is inadmissible that La Rocque and Doriot, who are preparing the coup, should be able to continue their criminal propaganda, and we can understand why the crowds are beginning to shout once more: 'La Rocque in Prison!'"

### Dissolve the Fascists!

"The Fascist leagues, even though camouflaged, must be dissolved. That is what is desired by the people."

"And if the government does not dispose of the legal means to make harmless those who are dreaming of doing in France what Franco and Mola are doing in Spain, let it ask them from Parliament, let it ask also for legal arms, if need be, to put an end to the abominable campaigns inspired by Hitlerism which are being carried on by certain papers such as Le Jour, L'Action Francaise, L'Ami du Peuple, etc."

"Marcel Gitten had occasion to stress (in the Coordination Committee meeting) on the inadmissible policy of certain Fascist officers, who, by hunting down soldiers loyal to the Republic, seem to have adopted the watchword of sabotaging national defense through sympathy for Hitlerism, as is also being done by certain industrialists working for the ministry of war, who are sabotaging production."

Meet Organized Labor at QUALITY CAFE 107 West 6th St., San Pedro, Calif.

# US Seaman Fights With People's Army Of Spain

Following is a letter received from an American seaman by his former shipmates, who gathered up a collection to send him to the People's Army of Spain: Crew of the S.S. Exeter, Marseilles, France.

Dear Comrades: "I am in Barcelona, a soldier in the Workers' Army. I will carry on in the best proletarian manner. I am the only American worker here. Thanks a million for the kind help you fellows afforded me. I leave tomorrow for the front. You guys carry on the good work in the States. Have to close now; it's late at night and I get up early. I can't tell you anything about things because of the censor."

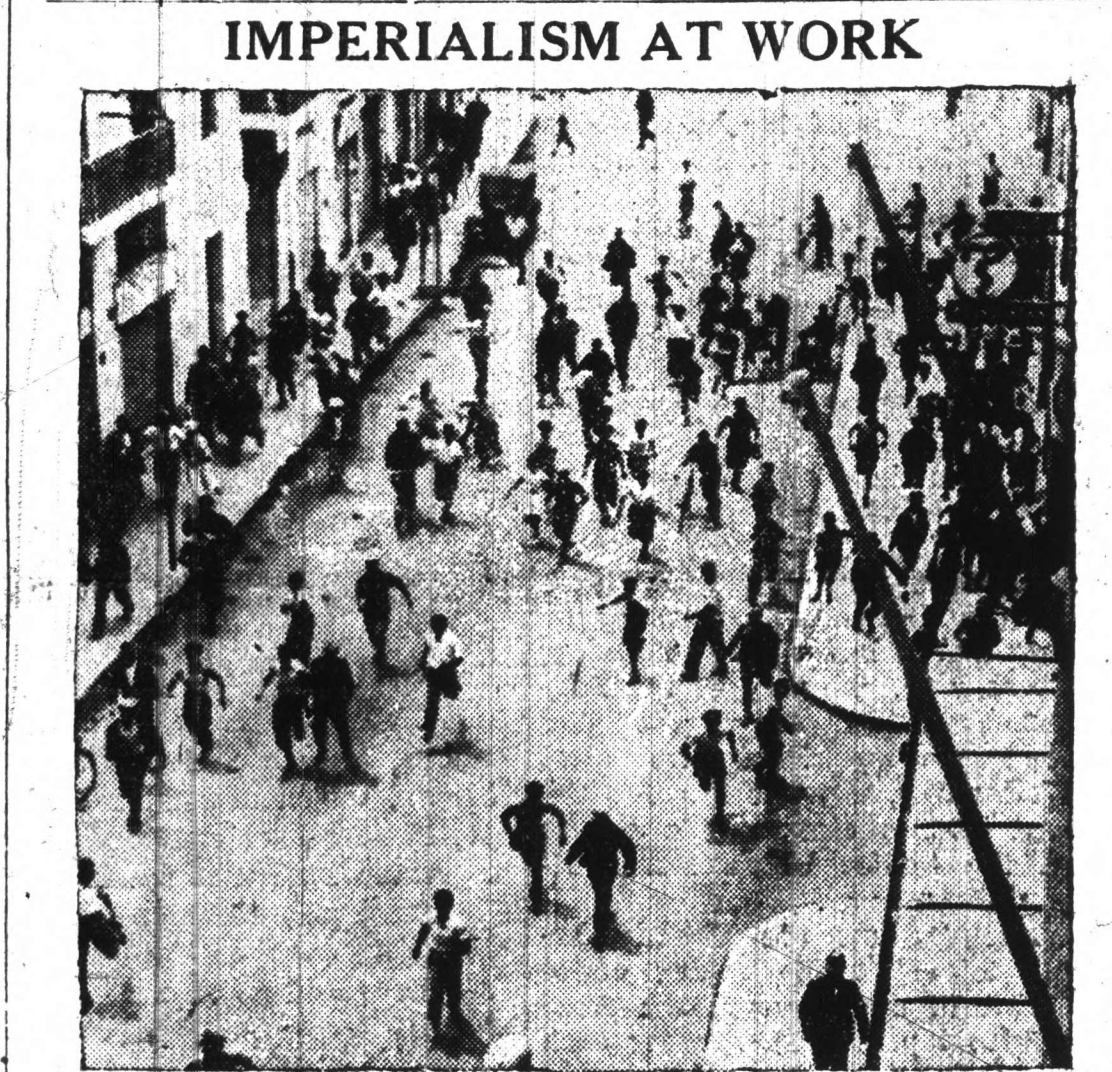
Your comrade, "ED SCHEDDIN."

## Britain Turns Down Nationalization Of Arms Industry

LONDON.—Tycoons of the munitions industry don't need to worry in England about profiteering from war. The Royal Commission on the Manufacture of Arms just turned down proposals for the nationalization of the munitions industry in peacetime, and suggested a "measure of control" by the government. "In time of war—when the capitalists run the whole works—the munitions industry is to be 'nationalized'."

### PORTERS AND CIO

CINCINNATI.—The Brotherhood of Pullman Porters, in convention here, voted full support to the C.I.O. and demanded full membership rights for C.I.O. unions.



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# Socialism Victorious In The U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW.—The march of Socialism in the Soviet Union is going forward with great strides now in rail transportation, which is being strengthened and expanded toward the goal of a peerless railway system linking all corners of the vast Land of Socialism, one-sixth of the world's surface.

Index of progress is in carloadings.

Early in 1935, the railways were loading but 50,000 to 60,000 cars daily; now the loadings have passed the 90,000 mark. During the first quarter of 1936, railways carried 33.6 millions of freight more than in the first quarter of 1935.

In 1936 budgeted capital investment for railway work is 5.5 billion rubles, with construction of 1400 new locomotives and 80,000 new freight cars.

### New Progress

The second five-year plan calls for construction of 14,454 kilometers of railroad; double tracking, 9500 kilometers; electrification, 6883 kilometers; and automatic block signaling of 8400 kilometers; plus repair or reconstruction of almost the entire system.

By January 1st, 1938, the Soviet Union plans to have 94,000 kilometers of railway, compared with 53,000 kilometers in existence in 1917.

### Turkey Blasts Lies

MOSCOW.—Foreign news comment that relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union have been strained as a result of differences at the Monreux conference on the reformation of the Straits of Gibraltar, and also on account of relations between Britain and Turkey, have

# POPULAR MEET OF AMERICAN PEOPLES SET

## Will Precede Buenos Aires Congress Of Governments

MEXICO CITY.—A Popular Peace Conference may be held in Buenos Aires next month, just prior to the Pan-American Peace Conference, it was announced here.

The C.T.M. (Confederation of Mexican Workers) appealed to the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs asking that popular delegates as well as official government representatives be admitted to the Pan-American Conference, and also broadcast an appeal to all American countries. It has now produced a timely response in Buenos Aires, it is stated.

### Invite Delegates

Although the original idea was impossible due to the fact that arrangements for the official conference were already made, a group in Buenos Aires has organized a committee to prepare an independent Popular Congress, to which workers', liberals' and intellectual groups in all American countries, are being invited to send delegates.

This Congress is to meet November 22nd and close just before the official conference opens, so that its deliberations and resolutions can be laid before the official body.

The C.T.M. has accepted the Buenos Aires invitation and is naming a provisional organizing committee for Mexico.

The Popular Congress is expected to have a healthy effect on the official conference, which figures to be dominated by United States imperialists.

## IMPERIALISM AT WORK



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# Popular Militia Praises I.L.D. Of Spain

MADRID.—The great role being played by the International Labor Defense of Spain, in charge of "medical aid for the government forces, is thoroughly appreciated by the heroic People's Army, as expressed in a letter from the Fifth Popular Militia Regiment, printed in Ayuda, I.L.D. newspaper, as follows:

"The militia realizes that there is an institution which cares for them in all respects, is concerned with increasing their knowledge of health, organizes First Aid Hospitals, where they find moral and material help necessary in order that they may return with renewed vigor to the front, and above all, carries on the most beautiful work of all: the Guardianship of Childhood. 'The International Labor Defense has gathered unto itself the sympathy, the gratitude and the veneration—I say this with but euphemisms—of the broad masses of workers, peasants and of all men and women of liberal ideas."

"The Fifth Popular Militia Regiment congratulates you for the immense labor already accomplished in such a short space of time, and begs you to continue with the same tenacity, the same self-sacrifice and the same heroism which you have put forth up to now for the benefit of the aborning public of the democratic Republic, and for a new, free and happy Spain. Please accept our cordial greetings.—The Chief Commandant, Castro, For the Committee, the Secretary."

## Blast Anti-Soviet Lies Of Italy

MOSCOW.—Fascist lies to hide their own criminal intervention on the side of the Spanish Fascists, were blasted here following charges of Dino Grandi, Italian ambassador to London, that the Soviet steamer, Neva, had carried munitions to Spain on its previous trip.

Captain Korenevsky invited Italian representatives to board the ship, which was carrying 2500 tons of clothing and foodstuffs for the Spanish workers and peasants, and see for themselves that the ship carries no arms.

### In Plain Sight

On its previous trip, the Neva unloaded its relief cargo in full view of British, Italian and Argentine ships, with Italian warship less than one-eighth of a mile away.

"The Italians could easily see that the fragile boxes which we unloaded could not possibly have contained airplanes or munitions," said Korenevsky. "Either the Italian captain made an erroneous report or the Italian delegate misrepresented the facts. The only weapon aboard the Neva was the cook's kitchen knife."

The Neva then left on its second trip to Alicante, Spanish government port, with its relief cargo donated by Soviet women.

# FASCISTS COULDN'T BREAK IT UP



RECENT MEETING of advocates of the French People's Front, which the Fascists under Col. De La Rocque threatened to break up. Meeting took place at Poissy, near Paris. Fascists didn't dare go through with their plan, in face of the strong turnout of workers.

## LAND-OWNERS IN SABOTAGE

### Betray Settlements With Workers In Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—A planned campaign of sabotage has been undertaken by the wealthy land owners to nullify the recent strike settlement, according to reports received here by the C. T. M. (Confederation of Mexican Workers), from the Regional Federation of Workers and Peasants of the Laguna District.

Machinery is being systematically withdrawn from the big plantations, and it is feared the owners intend to abandon cultivation of cotton and other crops grown in this rich agricultural district.

### Just as in Spain

The Nazas River, chert irrigation source of the whole region, is not being used as in former years, adding to the general suspicion that an attempt is being made to produce an artificial crisis that would throw the thousands of workers dependent on the plantations into acute misery.

The Regional Federation has appealed to the C.T.M.'s National Committee to take the matter up with federal authorities and secure employer respect for the settlement signed before President Cardenas, by which the recent strike was brought to an end.

## Oldest Newspaper In State Hails Soviet Diplomacy

STOCKTON.—Tribute to the diplomacy of the Soviet Union, is paid by an editorial in the Stockton Independent, California's oldest daily newspaper, established in 1856. The editorial stated, in part:

"Western Europe professes to be not afraid of Russia. So the Fascist despots, supported by England, discredit the protest Russia makes against these states secretly aiding the Spanish rebels. They call the protest a bluff. It may or may not be a bluff, but during the last 10 years Russian diplomacy has been about the only open-minded and dependable kind in Europe. "Russia backed down the whole world with an offer of complete disarmament. The other nations talked a lot about it, but when Russia said she was ready to disarm the less since nations welched."

"If Russia had been supported by other nations, Haile Selassie would be on his throne and his country secure against the invaders. "If Russia had been supported by other powers, Japan would not now be creeping over all Northern China. . . . Russia's international relations and policies have been the cleanest of any European power the last 10 years."

## NAZIS THREATEN GREATER WAR PREPARATIONS

BERLIN.—Germany will "go the limit in rearmament," declared Rudolf Hess, minister without portfolio and Hitler's deputy, in a speech last week at Hof, just prior to a conference of key Nazis at Hitler's home at Berchtesgaden, Bavaria.

Unless Germany is given colonies to get raw material, it will resort to dumping goods "at any price, thereby damaging other exporting countries," shouted Hess.

On rearmament, Hess said privation for the German people would not stop the Nazis. "Guns are better than butter," he ranted, for Hitler's program of robbery war.

## Dr. Coleman Will Speak On Soviets

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. J. C. Coleman, pastor of the Modern Humanitarian Church of Los Angeles, Executive Secretary of the American Friends of the Soviet Union, Southern California, will be heard Tuesday, October 20th, at 8 p. m. at California Club, 1750 Clay Street.

He will speak under the auspices of the San Francisco F.S.U. on "Soviet Russia Today."

Dr. Coleman has just returned from an extended trip through the U.S.S.R., having been the leader of the National F.S.U. tour comprising 57 people. On the platform with the speaker will be a number of San Franciscans, who have also returned recently from the Soviet Union.

### S.F. PLUMBERS AND C.I.O.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The local Plumbers Union went on record recently demanding that suspension of the C.I.O. be rescinded and referred to the A.F.L. convention.

# SOVIET NOTE DEMANDS HALT OF ALL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GOING TO SPANISH FASCISTS

## USSR Declares It Will Consider Itself Free From Obligation Unless Italy, Germany, Portugal Stick To Pact

Full text of the Soviet note demanding that intervention by Italy, Germany and Portugal on the side of the Spanish Fascists be halted, is as follows:

On instructions of the government of the U.S.S.R., I (S. Kagan, Soviet representative on the non-intervention committee) hereby make the following declaration:

In notes addressed Sept. 15th to the governments of Portugal, Italy and Germany, the Spanish government protested against assistance and military munitions sent by these countries to Spanish Rebels.

### Legal Govt. Blockaded

The Spanish government has forwarded those notes also to other participants in the non-intervention agreement with the request that they adopt measures to halt the situation under which the legal Spanish government has been reduced to actual blockade while Rebels, without any obstacles, are supplied with airplanes and other kinds of munitions from different sources.

In his declaration to the League of Nations, Julio Alvarez Del Vayo (Spanish Foreign Minister) raised the same question before all the members. A long enumeration of the facts, representing violation of the agreement and referring to the latest period was cited by the Spanish government in its "White Paper" as well as in additional material published by the Spanish government Oct. 3rd.

It is sufficient to recount the following facts:

### Fascist Intervene

On Sept. 10th, 23 freight cars with boxes containing unassembled parts for 14 airplanes from Hamburg came from Portugal to Seville.

On Sept. 20th, 12 big German planes landed at Tetuan (Spanish Morocco). Later these airplanes were used to transport troops of the so-called Foreign Legion from Tetuan to Seville.

On Sept. 29th, the Spanish government received a report that on Sept. 27th a load of poison gas and military munitions of Italian origin was sent over the Spanish border from Lisbon.

A number of eye witnesses questioned by the committee in London, under the chairmanship of Miss Eleanor Florence Rathbone (British Parliament member), also many newspaper correspondents who have published personal observations, confirm that the supply of arms to the Rebels via Portugal is continuing to a large extent.

The Rebels possess tanks and bombers of German and Italian

origin which were not in the possession of the Spanish Army at the beginning of the revolution.

### Nazi Airplanes

Among airplanes shot down by militia forces were nine airplanes of German origin bearing the manufacturing stamp "Henkel." The Rebel troops are transported via Gibraltar from Morocco to Spain on German and Italian planes.

The frontier region of Portugal, from the very beginning of the rebellion, appeared to be the main base of the insurgents.

In Portugal, the Rebels are forming their detachments, and they receive military munitions from there. Since the formation of our committee, the Soviet government itself put forward the question of an investigation of Portugal's action in openly violating the agreement, and of taking steps toward halting such action.

The Soviet government fears the situation as created by repeated violation of the London non-intervention pact makes the agreement non-operative.

The Soviet government cannot consent to the conversion of the non-interference pact into a screen for concealing military assistance to the Rebels against the legal government by some participants in the agreement.

The Soviet government is compelled, in this connection, to declare that if violation is not halted immediately, it will consider itself free from any obligation resulting from the agreement.

## STORM TROOPS CREATED IN PORTUGAL

LISBON.—Fascist Dictator Salazar has ordered creation of storm troops with all "loyal" Portuguese between 18 and 50 eligible for membership.

The new "Portuguese Legion" was decreed by Salazar after the revolt of two ships of the fleet last month. Its members are pledged to "give my life and property willingly for its (Portugal's) corporate state."

Previously Salazar had depended upon the army and navy to maintain his Fascist dictatorship, but the soldiers and sailors are beginning to turn against him in large numbers.

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# Silver Shirt Vultures Thrive on Misery in Atascadero

## DEMAND HORSEWHIPPING EPICS COMMUNISTS, JEWS, UNIONISTS, ATTACK STRIKERS OF SALINAS

**Silver Shirt Leaders of Co-op Spending \$76,000 Resettlement Money While Damning Tugwell as a Jew**

By a Worker Correspondent

ATASCADERO—The Silver Shirts are busy here, preying on the poverty of people whose whole history in this area has been one of being swindled.

This is a story of the plans, activity and personnel of this inspired band of would-be killers variously known as the Silver Shirts, Silver Legion, and Christian Party. It casts a light on the aims and connections of the head of this organization: the Jew-baiter labor and communist hater and megalomaniac, William Dudley Pelley.

It is already clear that the big Fascist support is behind the Landon candidacy, which doesn't openly announce its Fascist aims. It has also been disclosed in the Western Worker how the Silver Shirts and other fascist and near fascist organizations have definite connections with the Republican campaign organizations.

In what circumstances do the Silver Shirts thrive?

### Thrive on Poverty

The homes of many Atascaderans have been taken from them, many were turned into the street; others are today paying rent to the Bank of America for the privilege of living in the home which they traded eastern farms or surrendered their life savings. As always, the Fascists are preying upon the hungry and the destitute.

Recently Ernest Rankard, 47, father if two children, collapsed. The doctor said "malnutrition," the Silver Shirts said the "Jews." Rankard with a wrist fractured on a W.P.A. project was refused relief by all agencies, told to pick prunes. After a couple of weeks of hunger he folded up. Neighbors fed the family. The Rankard case is only one. There are many others.

### To Misdirect Resentment

Them Silver Shirts constantly are at work among these confused, and half-starved people. Teaching them to hate, not the capitalist system and the wealthy exploiters who have fattened up on their degradation, but to hate the Jews, the communists, the liberals, and the progressive minded, all who believe in democratic rights and decent living standards.

The organizational plan of the Silver Shirts is simple and shrewd. The first Silver Shirt unit consists of a Safety Council. Atascadero has two. One of them gathers at the home of "Chamberlain" Finch, the other at the residence of osteopathic Doctor Maud Mills. Here the raw recruits attend one night each week while a "lesson" is read, describing to the credulous poor the beauties of the "Christian Commonwealth" to which Fuhrer Pelley promises to his legions for promises are indispensable to Nazi schemers.

### The Fascist Promise

Here is a specimen: Pelley asserts in his "Lessons" that on the first day of the "Christian Commonwealth" all parents having two children (the Rankards!) will automatically be provided with a lifelong monthly income of \$287.69!

Once the Silver Shirt recruits have accepted the belief that the words Jew, socialist, epic, unionist and liberal, are all one and all fit subjects for murder, they are invited to join the Silver Legion Post. Let us attend a regular Sunday evening meeting of the Atascadero Post.

We enter a large living room, and are greeted by Miss Elizabeth Nelson, the frosty young hostess. Miss Nelson is cashier in the First National Bank of Atascadero.

Someone complains that there is a small turnout tonight. There are about twenty Silver Shirts present. They are all ages, and about a third are women.

### Hit Salinas Unions

One of these ladies takes the floor and shouts out a fantastic story about "a gang of Salinas strikers" beating up a north-bound motorist almost on the outskirts of Atascadero. She demands that something be done about "these reds who go about the country beating up peaceful people." The lady ends amid applause. This was Mrs. Peggy Andrews. Her husband sits near us.

This meeting seems to have no chairman, although Chamberlain Oliva as well as Almoner Finch and Scribe Hawley are all present.

Another woman Silver Shirt is speaking. She quotes from Pelley's Weekly a claim that there are 150 communists in Atascad-

## Dope Peddlers Get Off Easier Than Lettuce Strikers

By a Worker Correspondent  
WATSONVILLE. — When ten dope peddlers came before the police court here on Oct. 10, they were let go with paying fines of \$15 each. Their bail was \$150.

Evidently the police court doesn't think dope peddling is as serious a crime as striking and picketing for better conditions. The same court had 39 Fruit and Vegetable Union members before it recently, charged with "unlawful assemblage," (which of course is not unlawful). Their bail was set at \$300 each.

each county.

### "Jew Picked Out"

Reading of the G.O. is greeted by cries of "Now we can build our stockade!" "I've got my Jew picked out!" "The Chief knows how to lead!" Chamberlain Finch motions for silence, and reads on. The information that Fuhrer Pelley has received scores of letters from loyal Silver-shirts urging him not to "wait for the Jew-communists to start the revolution," but to "do something now!" brings another round of applause. The letter ends, and is not signed by Fuhrer Pelley after all, but by one of his subalterns, doctor Terry. Nevertheless it was written by the chief's command, and bears his will.

Someone shouts a sage prediction: "Whenever trouble starts all vigilantes will rally round and look to us to lead!" Doctor Terry, "high" Silver-shirt, an Atascaderan, is a horse doctor who found himself without patients and joined the "Silver Legion Cavalcade" for the northwest drive.

The Post meeting is by no means over, but will run for a full two hours and a half. There will be another hour of raving against the Jews, against the trade unions, against the liberal minded. There will be discussion of the evictions set for tomorrow of several Atascadero families by the HOLC. But the fact that evictions are routine functions of the capitalist system will not be mentioned. The "Jew-Communists" will be held guilty, and there will be more demands for shippings, and beatings, and tortures.

But let us get away from these barking psychopaths and out into the clear air of the October night. A rotten social order, maddened by disease, is dying, and therefore howling. But beware of dismissing these Fascists by saying they are nuts. Of course they are nuts, but the same was said, and is still being said, about their inspiration: Hitler!

### The Under Cover Men

Absent from tonight's meetings were two of the community's "biggest" Silver-shirts: Foxey Charles W. Eisenbise, and equally cautious O. F. Asbury. Both are stalwart Silver-shirts, but have taken to cover recently in accordance with a well defined plan.

Asbury is manager of the Atascadero Trading Association, locally known as "the co-op," and Eisenbise, a former drunkard Deacon, is Secretary-Treasurer. The A. T. A. was organized in 1933 by desperate fruit and vegetable growers and poultrymen. These men and women were not fascists, they were honest workers and farmers crushed by capitalism's cyclical collapse.

But today Pelley's Fascist Bund is rapidly dominating the co-op. Recently under guidance of Silver-shirts Asbury and Eisenbise A. T. A. negotiated a \$76,000 loan from Tugwell's Resettlement Administration. Four of A. T. A.'s seven directors are Silver-shirts. Included are Litebody, Axe, Asbury, and Eisenbise.

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## TAFT EDITOR COMES BACK AT ACCUSERS

**Called Him a Red; He Shows Fascism As Real Menace**

By a Worker Correspondent.

TAFT—Once in a while a liberal really stands his ground. Here in Taft there is a paper called Westgate's weekly, which began expressing the will of the majority of the people in Taft instead of the Associated Farmers and such people.

He supported a left-wing Epic who ran for supervisor. Pretty soon all the reactionaries began calling him a red. Of course they wanted Westgate to fall all over himself printing reactionary stuff trying to prove he wasn't a red.

But he didn't do it. Instead he printed an editorial last week entitled "Fascism is a Real Threat to American Institutions."

Instead of attacking the unions and the workers or the Communist Party, he really showed who is the menace in this country. He said: "Fascists in the United States headed by their logical leader, Hest, will attempt to wrest the government from the hands of the people and their constituted authorities. They will seek to establish a military dictatorship here and later set up a Fascist ruler. This would mean destruction of the Republic."

He said also: "Only an awakened, aroused, intelligent and alert public can defeat the Fascist movement in America."

hypocritically attacks "Jew Tugwell," and asserts that the \$76,000 was "Jew money," while Asbury, Eisenbise, et al, further plans to turn A. T. A. into a fascist treadmill.

At present there are some fifty workers employed in A. T. A.'s fruit and vegetable canning factory. Others are chopping wood. Mostly old folks, these men and women are paid \$1.18 in cash, and given commodities allegedly to the same value for a work day of eight and one half hours. These are the old people for the most part who came to Atascadero with hearts full of faith on the promise of security and ease for their declining years! In their desperate poverty they were wise enough to turn toward worker-farmer co-operation. But now the Fascists are seizing their co-op.

### Black Reaction

As elsewhere in America, the Fascists are busy in Atascadero. They are misleading and betraying the already bewildered and angry workers. By means of cunning appeals to race hatred made so wide as to include as "Jews" all those who cry out for a new social order, they are trying to lead the impoverished farmer and professionals into violence against labor, democratic and progressive organizations, against the Communist Party and everything that represents progress.

Pelley does not tell his followers to vote for Landon, or for Roosevelt, or for Lemke. He assures them that there will be no election! Let the workers and the liberals of the land think that over!

## WHAT FASCISM STANDS FOR—WAR



HITLER'S MILITARY ENGINEERS work feverishly, rushing preparations for a new slaughter on a grand scale. That's what Fascism stands for—war. Photo shows a new war machine—an automobile which can travel 12 miles an hour across water. It is shown carrying Nazi troops across a lake near Berlin.

## Kern Agricultural Union Will Meet Alternately In 4 Cities

By a Worker Correspondent  
BAKERSFIELD. — With the election of three regular and two alternate Kern County Central Labor Council, Agricultural Workers' Union No. 20289 of Bakersfield is planning a drive to spread the

union all over the county. Meetings will be held alternately in four towns, Arvin, Shafter, Delano and Bakersfield, each town having one meeting per month. This method of meeting is expected to get hundreds of members who would not otherwise join.

## Delegates' Business Is To Fight For Needs of the Men Who Elected Them

(The continued story of the Alaska Cannery Expedition of 1936.)

By An Alaska Canner

The delegates were given a chance to defend themselves. One declined. The other, rather than strengthening his status, only tended to bolster up the case against him. That was one time when silence would have been golden. The more he opened his mouth the deeper he shoved his foot into it.

One of their statements, to the effect that their style was cramped by the bosses (intimidation) was a body blow for the reactionaries. We made good use of it building a case against the bosses.

I suggested that we have equal representation as to delegates, on a 2-2-1 ration, that is, two Spanish speaking and three English speaking. One of the English speaking to be elected from the Negro brothers who numbered about 45.

The proposal was killed after some discussion, all of the bosses talking against it. The bosses countered with an absurd proposal that we leave it at two delegates. They argued that five was an unwieldy number, they caused too much trouble and would always be nagging the bosses, etc. This proposal was also killed. The figure was finally set at four, pending the landing of the third ousted delegate. A fifth was to be elected later. This, I am sorry to say, never took place.

I was the third nominated in a field of five. The first two were nominated almost unanimously. I received 67 votes for and 24 against me, which was a very good showing, everything considered. It proved one thing

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## Labor Prisoners' Release Sought

(Cont. from Page 4)

that J.B. McNamara should be paroled at the end of seven years and that J.J. McNamara should be paroled at the end of three years and three months.

It was further agreed that there should be no prosecution of any of the other alleged conspirators and particularly that Matthew A. Schmidt and Dave Caplin should never be prosecuted if they remained out of the state of California. The agreement was broken almost at once by Judge Boardwell who sentenced J.J. McNamara to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The agreement was kept by the then District Attorney John D. Fredericks so long as he was in office. When Fredericks was defeated by Thomas Lee Woolwine for the office of district attorney, the latter, disregarding the promise made by his predecessor, and in cooperation with W. J. Burns, brought Dave Caplin back from Washington and tried and convicted him of manslaughter. He was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary and served the full term of six years and six months. Matthews Schmidt was brought back from New York, tried for murder, sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary and has now served twenty-one years.

Never Asked For Parole  
J. B. McNamara has never asked for parole to which he is entitled under the agreement as a result of which he pleaded guilty, since he feels that to do so would be a violation of his duty towards Schmidt who was never to be prosecuted if the McNamaras pleaded guilty.

As neither of these defendants had the slightest intent or desire to take life and have paid by their many years of imprisonment (25 in the case of McNamara—21 in the case of Schmidt) we submit that both these prisoners should now be released. Measured by prevailing standards the punishment of McNamara and Schmidt has already been extremely severe. Since the turn of the century there have been many sharp troubles including great violence between capital and labor in various countries and tens of thousands of workers have been imprisoned in consequence, but none have suffered such long imprisonment as the two men in question.

Though one search all over the world one cannot find another prisoner who has been imprisoned for his labor activity for such a long period as have J.B. McNamara and M.A. Schmidt. When McNamara and Schmidt entered prison they were young men. They have spent the best years of their manhood behind the grim penitentiary walls. Now, with health impaired they enter into the autumn of life. It would seem that even the most bitter opponents of their release should be satisfied by such a severe penalty as these two men have suffered.

An enlightened public opinion would clearly demand that these two men should be unconditionally freed at once. We trust, therefore, that you will see fit to release J.B. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt and give them the opportunity to breathe the air of freedom during the remaining years of their lives. Sincerely yours, (Signatures follow)

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## STOOL PIGEON GETS TANGLED IN BETRAYALS

**P. Kruger Expelled From Workers' Alliance**

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND—Having been exposed as a stool pigeon for government "investigators" and convicted of this and two other serious charges, Paul Kruger was expelled, by the membership, from Local No. 6 of the Alameda County Workers' Alliance.

According to his own admissions he would contrive to miss meetings with the other members of grievances committees and then get workers to let him handle the grievance alone. This, along with happenings in the union meetings, was turned over to the U. S. investigators.

He has taken up grievances in the name of the Workers' Alliance for people that have never belonged to the union; these grievances were very often not settled and thus these workers were turned against the union.

Conferred With Outsiders

The second charge was that he carried union matters to a group of politicians none of whom belonged to the union. While a committee of the county council of the Workers' Alliance was gathering evidence of widespread graft and stealing in the 19th and Livingston Streets sewing project, Kruger persuaded the principal witness to go with him to this group of politicians known as the "Progressive Democrats" and make a sworn statement of her evidence.

The third charge was that Kruger had persistently acted as a one-man grievance committee contrary to the rules and practices of the union. This was very easily proven and in the testimony it was brought out that the Local had passed a motion forbidding him to carry on this way over a month ago. He persisted in carrying on in his own manner, stating: "If the union passes a motion and my conscience tells me it is wrong, I carry on as I see fit, as the union members are just a bunch of nit-wits."

The trial committee brought in a fourth charge, that Paul Kruger had, under the name of Sol Fatara, written articles in the Labor Crusader, a local sheet, that were defamatory to the union and actually lies against some of the more prominent members along with two women members.

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# Use of L.A. Police vs. Marine Unions Shows Labor Party Need

## Cops, Equipped With Tear Gas Await Lockout

Object Lesson Showing Need For Independent Political Action By Organized Labor

By a Maritime Worker

Four hundred members of the Los Angeles police force, armed with tear gas, guns and clubs, who were scheduled to move into San Pedro in the event of a maritime lockout, were later held in abeyance until October 15th.

Since the mayor, who ordered this force to prepare themselves, neglected to furnish the union members with steel helmets, gas masks, and bullet-proof vests, we may safely assume that we were the prospective targets for the mayor's army of legal vigilantes.

**MARITIME FED. LOOKS AT THE COPELAND ACT**  
Ask Withholding Of Enforcing Anti-Labor Clauses

SAN FRANCISCO — Calling for withholding of enforcement of the anti-labor clauses of the Copeland law, and calling on all unions to take similar action, Maritime Federation Council, Bay Area, has passed a resolution which clearly gives maritime labor's attitude toward the Copeland law and the Maritime Commission. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS: The Ship Subsidy Law (H. R. 8555) enacted by the Seventy-fourth Congress (Second Session) makes provision for the appointment of a political body of five men which is known as United States Maritime Commission, and

WHEREAS: The Ship Subsidy Law gives the U. S. Maritime Commission full authority to establish "minimum manning scales and minimum wage scales and reasonable working conditions for all officers and crews employed on all types of vessels receiving an operating differential subsidy," And

WHEREAS: The decisions on the Maritime Commission have the effect of law, and would make compulsory the acceptance of the Commission's rulings even though considered unfair by the maritime workers, and

WHEREAS: The Ship Subsidy Law makes no provision for collective bargaining between organized seamen and their employers, or for the recognition of bonafide trade unions, and

WHEREAS: The maritime unions and organized labor can never submit to any Fascist-like restrictions which will interfere with their American Constitutional right to exercise their economic power when all other means of solving their problems have been exhausted, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we request the President to withhold enforcement of these anti-labor clauses until Congress shall consider amendments to the Ship Subsidy Act (H. R. 8555) which will adequately protect the interests of organized seamen by:

(1) Provision for the recognition by the Maritime Commission of bonafide trade unions of maritime workers.

(2) Provision for collective bargaining with regard to wages, manning scales, and other conditions of employment between organizations representing American seamen, their employers and the Maritime Commission.

(3) Provision for the acceptance or rejection of proposed wage scales and working conditions by organized maritime workers before such conditions become effective.

(4) To guarantee the right of American seamen to establish and maintain halls of their own choosing from which to obtain employment on American ships.

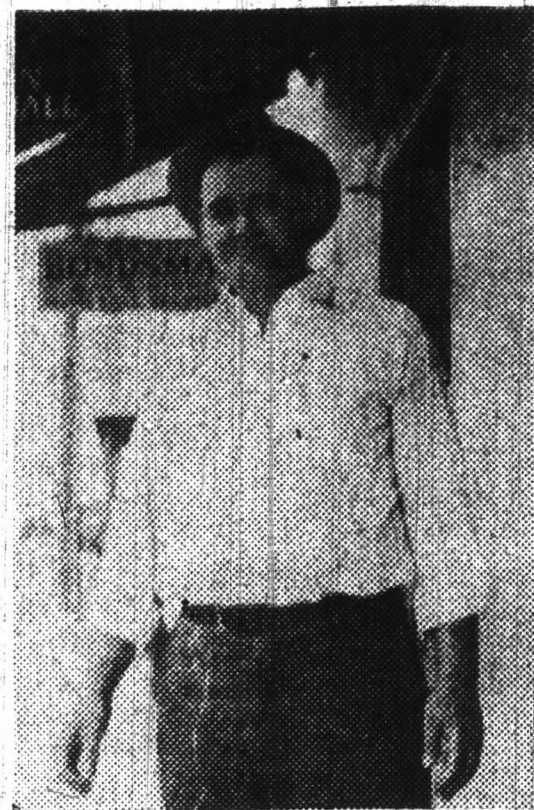
(5) To guarantee the constitutional right to organize, strike and picket, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we pledge our full support to the maritime unions in their efforts to maintain the rights of all labor which are now threatened by the anti-labor sections of the Ship Subsidy Law, and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be printed and be sent to the President of the United States, Senators and Congressmen from the State of California and all labor unions in the State of California and District Councils of the Maritime Federation.

Introduced by: Mervyn Rathne, A.R.T.A. No. 60.

### PROGRESSIVE



THOMAS REDMOND, Marine Firemen's agent at Honolulu, a progressive union man.

## NEGRO, WHITE SOLIDARITY IN RAIL STRIKE

Brotherhoods Stand With Colored Labor

SHREVEPORT, La.—The striking railroad brotherhoods on the Louisiana & Arkansas, who went out Sept. 19 to enforce their agreements, are in full solidarity with the Association of Colored Railway Trainmen & Locomotive Firemen, who struck at the same time.

Spiking company rumors that the white workers were discriminating against the Negro railroaders, four high officials of the running trades declared:

"The duly elected and authorized committee of the colored association, composed of 99 per cent of such employees, have never been able to meet Mr. Couch (the L. & A. president) in an effort to adjust their legitimate claims. We believe that their cause is just and reasonable and have pledged to them our support the same as they have to us."

This statement is signed by Vice-President W. L. Carter of the conductors, Vice-President C. H. Smith of the trainmen, Asst. Grand Chief Engineer O. K. Hedges of the engineers and Vice-President Fred Barr of the firemen and enginemen.

## Potash Union Gets A Hearing

LOS ANGELES.—Towne Nylander, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board ordered a hearing which began October 15 when complaints were filed with him charging that the American Potash and Chemical Corporation in Trona, San Bernardino county, had dismissed 14 workers for union activity during August.

A dismal settlement in the heart of the desert, Trona has long been recognized by workers all over California as the scene of miserable working and living conditions.

It is almost entirely owned by the chemical company, and the men are compelled to live in ramshackle dormitories and eat in a company-owned restaurant, and these at excessive rates.

Lack of entertainment facilities are conducive to almost continuous gambling, and professional gamblers are maintained, many charge with the connivance of the company, but certainly with their knowledge.

## LONG A DREAM, AND NOW A FACT

Woodworkers Federation Represents 72,000

PORTLAND, Ore.—Patterned after the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, the newly-organized federation of non-beneficial affiliates of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America in the Pacific northwest promises to make labor history in this important lumber area.

Represents 72,000

The federation was formed by 625 delegates at Portland, Ore., representing 72,000 workers, or almost double the number of members affiliated with the maritime federation. Lumber and saw mill workers, shingle weavers, plywood and veneer workers, furniture workers, boom men and rafters, cooperage and box and shoo workers are represented.

The workers unanimously condemned Gov. Landon for his attitude toward labor.

Representation on the executive board of the Carpenters' Union was asked by the delegates.

Harold Pritchett, Vancouver, B. C., is president of the new federation, Henry Morris, Aberdeen, Wash., vice-president and E. B. Weber, Portland, secretary-treasurer. Extensive plans are being laid for organization of unorganized districts that have been neglected.

The new federation marks the "coming true" of dreams of old timers in the Douglas fir belt.

## WHY CITIZENS FIGHT SALINAS TERROR REIGN

Head of Welfare League Shows Danger of Fascism

SALINAS.—The Citizens Welfare League, formed by citizens here who object strenuously to the shipper-growers' and vigilantes' disregard of civil rights, has had to face a lot of slander on the part of those tied up with the growers in this Valley.

Among the slanderers was the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, which charged, among other things, that the Welfare League was not composed of citizens (outside of strikers).

**Property Owners**  
George D. Pollack, president of the Welfare League, had this to say in answer:

"In answer to the question as to how many of those present (at one meeting) were property owners in our district, fully 75 per cent of those present stood up. I might say that I have observed in the audience members of your chamber, as well as other business people of our community at some of these meetings."

"The Citizens Welfare League can produce many 'hundreds' of witnesses if you want them, to prove that gas was thrown and shot on many occasions without any request or order being given to the officers using the gas."

Simply because a loud speaker car went around Wednesday afternoon asking everyone to disperse in the name of the State of California is no justification or excuse for gassing and chasing all citizens along the street and sidewalks where they have as much right as any police officer or anyone else in our country.

Because no one was killed in our community, is no legal justification for our sheriff or any other official to mobilize a small army of armed men when the need did not exist in our community.

**Fascist Danger**  
"Furthermore, even the President of the United States cannot mobilize the citizens into an army without proper legislation being passed by our congress, and certainly no county official, or in fact, state or national official, should have the legal right to mobilize or corral the military forces of the county, state, or nation; otherwise, we are truly placing into the hands of the few the means whereby Fascism can be carried out or a dictatorship set up."

"The Citizens Welfare League is also interested in setting itself up as a permanent organization to enable the masses of our citizens who are not privileged to belong to the Chamber of Commerce, the Grower and Shippers Association, the Citizens' Association or the Associated Farmers, to be an organization through which they can be heard by our duly constituted powers that be, who apparently ignore the wishes and attitudes of individuals."

**L. Beach Bosses Use Courts to Limit**  
LONG BEACH.—Inaugurating the first of what employers hope will be a series of convictions for violation of the anti-picketing ordinance, four union men were found guilty in Municipal Court of picketing the Richmond Dairies' plant last August 8.

The conviction of the four men, all members of the International Truckmen's and Helpers' Union, according to Judge Miller, upholds the validity of the ordinance.

Council for the workers, however, have a different opinion, for a motion for arrest of judgment was filed with arguments heard October 12.

Sentence of the men was held up pending decision on the motion.

## San Mateo Milk Drivers Nearly 100% Unionized

SAN MATEO.—Milk Wagon Drivers Local 226 have virtually completed the task of organizing San Mateo county 100%.

Agreement with the employers is now in effect, unionizing the drivers. Only a few small distributors now remain outside the union's fold. The organization drive began last January 1.

**FOR SPAIN'S RED CROSS**  
BUENOS AIRES.—A resolution authorizing appropriation of \$300,000 for the Spanish Government's Red Cross, was submitted to Parliament by a group of deputies here.

## IT'S ABSOLUTE ROBBERY OF SF FERRYBOATMEN

'Dirty' Deal Holding Back Over 50% Of Award

SAN FRANCISCO.—Highway robber is the word for Deal, reactionary, secretary of the Ferryboatmen Union.

Deal and lawyer Sharp are holding back over 50 per cent of the \$100,000 recently awarded Ferryboatmen Union members for back overtime pay.

Back in 1928 the S. P., Western Pacific, and Northwestern ferries refused to abide by an arbitration board decision giving the men an 8-hour day.

**How Case Began**  
The companies worked the men 12 hours, then 24 hours off, which meant 56 hours one week and 60 hours the next week.

The men took the case to court, and a district court decision favored the company.

The district court was reversed by the circuit court of appeals, and the case went back to the original court, which this time upheld the men.

\$100,000 in overtime pay since 1928 was awarded to about 500 men. This was only recently the case had dragged on.

Lawyer Sharp had taken the case for 25 per cent of the award.

**Now Deal and Sharp are holding back over 50 per cent of the money. Deal had gotten the men to sign their claims over to him in 1928, for the purpose of simplifying the suit.**

One man whom the company's record shows to be entitled to \$165 got only \$32 from Deal. Another man entitled to \$200 got only \$96.

**"No Protection"**  
Deal refused to give the men a statement. They had to go to the company to find how much they were entitled to and how much Deal and Sharp had held back.

One ferryboatman who went to the City Attorney was told there is no protection under the law for the union members, and that they could take the case to court "if they could find a lawyer who would handle the case."

## Strike Big Vernon Dress Plant

LOS ANGELES.—A picket line was thrown around the Royal Shop, manufacturers of cotton dresses, at Vernon late last week when a strike was called by the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union in an effort to raise wages, better working conditions and union recognition.

Of a force of 150 operators, 96 came out on strike. Reports have stated that about 150 students had been taken into the struck shop from the Frank Wiggins Trade School, but Mrs. Bridges, co-ordinator of jobs at the school, emphatically stated that the policy of the school was opposed to supplying students to plants where workers are on strike. She said, definitely, that no students had been sent to the Royal Shop.

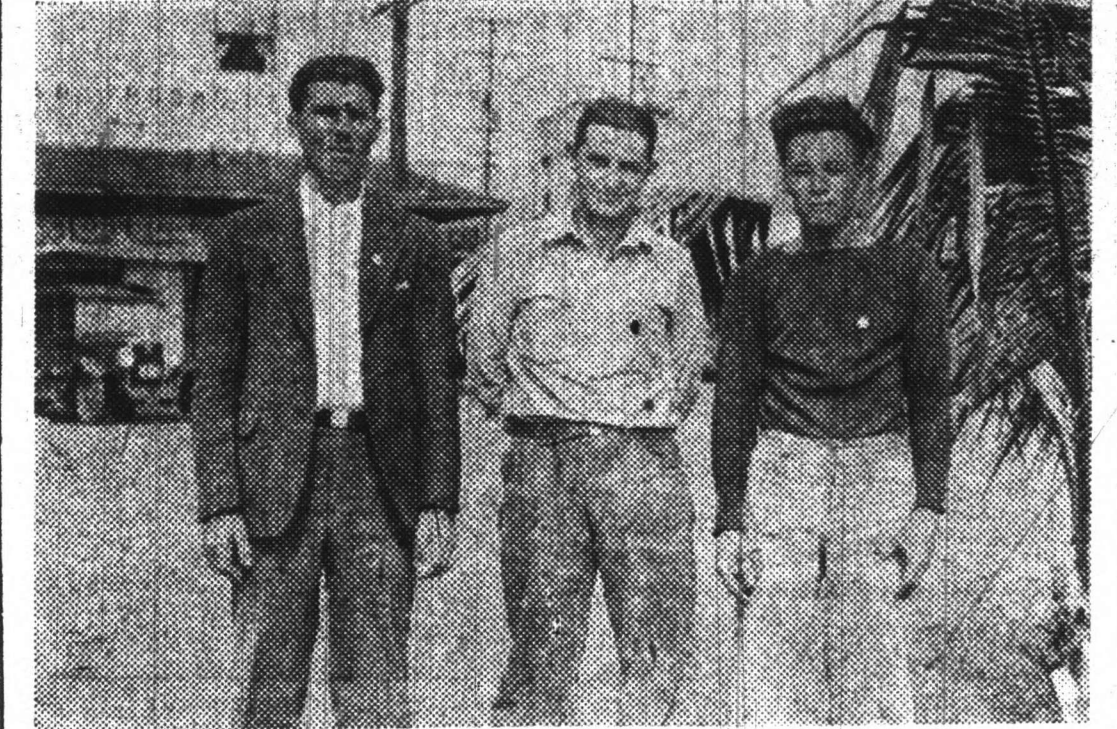
## Bosses Chisel On Compensation

LOS ANGELES.—California employers who have been chiseling workers' wages to pay premiums on compensation insurance may wake up one fine day to find themselves facing a \$500 fine or six months in jail if workers from whom these deductions have been made will report the matter to the State Industrial Accident Commission, says Commissioner Charles A. Son.

Son pointed out that "the law not only makes it compulsory for employers, with few exceptions, to cover their employees by workmen's compensation insurance, but it provides that the cost of such insurance be paid entirely by employers."

"This expense is part of the necessary overhead, inseparable from the conduct of the business, and cannot, in any degree, be transferred to the employees."

### THEIR CHARTER INSTALLED SOON



THREE LONGSHOREMEN OF HILO. Hawaiian longshoremen will soon have their I.L.A. charter installed. Charter was voted or at last Pacific Coast I.L.A. convention, held in San Pedro.

## "Point of Order"

(A Trade Union Column)

By Slim

LEAVE IT TO A NEWSPAPER in Santa Ana, where tear gassings were a daily event during the recent strike of citrus pickers, to offer the following 'improvement' in defining a scab:

"Those men who have risked their lives by taking jobs since he strike was called. . . who perform more service per dollar than others."

Incidentally, the Santa Ana Register (which doesn't register with anyone who boasts an ounce of sense), turns on its old pal Governor Merriam, and calls him "more dangerous than a Communist."

Why? Because Merriam's proposals for settling the Salinas strike called for retaining the union members on the employment list, along with 600 strikebreakers.

In a way, that's a sort of compliment to the Communists, whom the tear-gassers regard as "dangerous" because they stand for protection of union men, which Merriam doesn't, as witness his proposal to retain the Salinas scabs.

### Soviet Designs on Paso Robles

IF YOU READ the little, but noisy Paso Robles Press, you get the idea that the second five year plan has struck a snag in the Soviet Union, and the difficulty can't be straightened out until a Soviet Republic of Paso Robles is established.

Apparently the Soviet authorities are going to stop building socialism for a spell, in order to walk in on Paso Robles.

And, if you go by the Paso Robles Press, the Salinas lettuce strike was only the first step toward annexation by the Soviets of that peaceful little community.

And that, dear sirs and brothers, is the ridiculous length to which the red scare can go, in the open shoppers' drive against the unions.

### I.L.A. Pauses a Moment

"THE CITY BEAUTIFUL," is a phrase oft-mouthed by Rotarians, Chamber of Commerce putter-to-sleepers and other open-shoppers around the banquet table.

But it's really just three words in the dictionary as far as these birds are concerned. They squeal like stuck pigs when they're asked to shell out a few extra shekels in taxes to beautify a city.

But the members of the I.L.A. Local 38-79, who have been facing a life-and-death struggle for the hiring hall, the 6-hour day and other vital issues still had time to pass a resolution, asking the Harbor Board to clean up the Embarcadero in San Francisco, between Merchant and Clay Streets, and create a gass plot there.

If you're looking for real civic spirit, the place to go is among the workers, and not among the open shop hot-air artists.

### The Farmer and The Worker

A SYNDICALIST in a trade is a guy who, among other things, thinks the working class ought to regard the small farmers as their enemies.

Syndicalists don't like the idea of a Farmer-Labor Party because, they say first, let's confine the struggle to the unions (which means let the crooked old party politicians hold full sway undisturbed); and second, because the farmer is a natural enemy of the worker.

There are syndicalists in the maritime union with these ideas. It won't hurt them to read the following letter, from a Monterey County small farmer, to the San Francisco Chronicle:

"Editor The Chronicle.—Sir: Monday when I read the Safety Valve I was very much, shall I say, amused at the letter written by John Bakewell Jr. in which he shows so much sympathy for the poor farmers of Salinas. Possibly if he investigated it he would find that the greater percentage of the lettuce land is either owned or operated by the Grower-Shippers' Association and not by the farmers. One of these same grower-shippers cleared about a quarter of a million dollars before the strike, so I do not think we need waste sympathy on him, do you?"

"HELEN KLINK.

"Just as average Monterey county farmer (Salinas)."

## Anti-Picket Law Is 'Class Legislation'

MONTEREY.—Operative Plasterers Local 337 reacted quickly to the anti-picket law menace, as expressed in the county ordinance passed against the Salinas lettuce strike.

Its resolution, addressed to the Board of Supervisors, reads in part:

The Hon. Board of Supervisors, Court House, Salinas, Calif.

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, did on the second day of October, 1936 pass a certain ordinance known as No. 426; and

Whereas the script of this ordinance was prepared and sponsored by an attorney representing an Employers Association, and

Whereas, This ordinance attempts to control the speech of members of said employee associations, in that it makes it unlawful for them to express their belief or opinion as to the

fairness or unfairness of persons, firms, and corporations, and

"Class Legislation"

Whereas, This ordinance would prevent employees from carrying on Collective Bargaining and Peaceful Picketing, which is their right, therefore,

Resolved, That we condemn the action of the Board of Supervisors for passing this ordinance, That we believe it to be Class Legislation.

That we believe it to be Unconstitutional, and especially in conflict with the Bill of Rights.

That we believe it to be unconstitutional, and contrary to our form of government.

That for these reasons, above stated, we ask for the repeal of this ordinance by the Board of Supervisors.

## A NEW BABY IN CONTRA COSTA-RUBBER UNION

Pioneer Rubber Co. Is Plant Tackled By Unionism

PITTSBURG, Cal. — Another new union in Contra Costa County!

Its title is 'United Rubber Workers Local No. 60. It's part of a fighting international, which has made some glorious pages of labor history in Akron, Ohio.

Charter members of the new local recently held a meeting attended by Assistant Organizer Pat Lydon, Viola Cox, secretary-treasurer of the Contra Costa Central Trades Labor Council; E. G. Hocking of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers No. 51, and Olie Olson, president of Chemical Workers No. 20280.

George Roberts, international representative who will come here in November, has authorized Pat Lydon to look after the 'rubber workers' interests and those of the International until at least then.

Pioneer Rubber is one of the main plants to be cracked by organized labor here.

## Shippers Scatter Lies About In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—A sixteen-page, scab-printed pamphlet was being widely distributed among merchants, and the wealthy class generally, here urging them to support the shipowners in letters and telegrams to the United States Maritime Commission, pending the expiration of "all present awards and agreement" with the Maritime Unions.

The keynote of the whole pamphlet was struck by the following quotation, taken from its last page: "Your reaction, your interest will definitely influence results through the powerful force of public opinion."

Filled with distortions and downright lies, the pamphlet tosses off such observations as "More than 450 unlawful strikes and stoppages of work have occurred during the two years of the present awards. The cost of handling cargo has doubled due to inefficiency. (And get the significance of this!) It is vital that the Government awards to have any effect, must be obeyed."

Then there are re-prints of a series of telegrams between the Maritime Commission and T. G. Plant, chairman Coast Committee for Shipowners, which seek to show that if the crisis slated for October 15 causes a coast-wide tie-up, the blame will fall on the unions.

## New Elections In Firemen

NEW YORK.—Showing their desire for unity, the rank and file officials newly elected to the Maritime Firemen over the old Carlson machine of reactionaries have signed an agreement for a new election.

The Carlson machine took their trimming like soreheads and tried to stop the new officials by resorting to the courts.

An agreement signed by both sides gives full recognition to a list of Rank and File agents in the 12 Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports.

Under the supervision of the Southern N.Y. District Federal Court new nominations for officers will be made at meetings on Oct. 19 and Nov. 2. Balloting will then begin in all ports, and if by Dec. 31 less than 3500 have voted, balloting will keep on until Jan. 15, 1937.

The Rap and File gets two judges of the elections and the Carlson group one. In the meantime a neutral man from the ISU will take charge of headquarters affairs.

## Guild Seeks Repeal Of Anti-Picket Law In S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance is called for in a resolution filed with the Board of Supervisors by the Northern California Newspaper Guild.

Until the ordinance is repealed, the authorities are urged to "respect the overwhelming sentiment of the people against this ordinance and refuse to enforce it."